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King Frederik and Queen Mary on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen and (inset) sharing a kiss. Pictures: Jonathan Nackstrand

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ARISE, QUEEN MARY

Danes herald a new era as beloved Aussie begins her reign with a kiss

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WITH THE EYES OF THE WORLD UPON HER, AUSTRALIAN-BORN MARY DONALDSON WAS OFFICIALLY CROWNED QUEEN OF DENMARK AS HER HUSBAND FREDERIK WAS PROCLAIMED KING

Crown Prince Christian

Danielle Gusmaroli, in Copenhagen, and David Mills

It started with a kiss.

Denmark's new King Frederik and Queen Mary have sealed the start of their reign with a kiss, delighting spectators at Chistiansborg Palace, who turned out on the streets of Copenhagen in their thousands despite the freezing conditions.

Danes sang their national anthem and cheered their new King, who wiped away tears after his reign was proclaimed by Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen.

"Long live His Majesty King Frederik the Tenth," she told the crowd, before leading them in a chant of support for the new monarch.

In a short speech to the crowd, King Frederik honoured the service of his mother, Queen Margrethe, who abdicated after 52 years on the Danish throne.

Reading from a prepared statement, King Frederik said it was "my hope to be a great king". He said he was "connected, obligated and for the kingdom of Denmark"

"I have respect, pride; I need all the support I can get," he said.

After the speech the Danish people got their first look at their new Queen, Mary, supremely elegant in a simple white dress with a matching scarf and belt. She emerged on to the balcony at Christiansborg Palace amid a great roar from the crowd and smiled and waved happily.

She was followed by the heir, Crown Prince Christian, then Princesses Isabella and Jospehine, and Prince Vincent.

Queen Mary and King Frederik were both seen to feel the emotion of the moment, holding their hands above their chests. They also joined hands above their heads.

The kiss was greeted with another big roar from the crowd, but also calls for "more".

Earlier, Queen Margrethe formalised her abdication with a simple stroke of her signature on a document during a meeting of the Council of State, with King Frederik by her side and Crown Prince Christian next to him. It was not immediately apparent where Queen Mary stood at the moment of abdication – an event that has not happened in Denmark for 900 years.

Images of the moment showed a solemn and poignant occasion.

Dressed in a burgundy suit, Queen Margrethe departed the room with a walking stick for support, while King Frederik took his place at the head of the table.

Her 52 years on the throne had made her the world's longest-serving monarch, a record she had held since the death of her third cousin, Britain's Queen Elizabeth, in September 2022.

An estimated 150,000 Danes braved freezing temperatures to line the streets on Sunday to catch a glimpse of Queen Margrethe in her last act as monarch, making her way to Christiansborg Castle in a mahogany carriage escorted by 48 horses from the Guard Hussar Regiment's Mounted Squadron. Media from 79 countries covered the event, with the huge crowds and the spectacle contradicting earlier predictions it would be an event without much pomp and ceremony.

Perth resident Dennis Konig was one of many Australian spectators, saying: "We have a royal queen from Australia who we're all proud of".

Former Melburnian Lucas Kraeddergaard, 33, from Copenhagen, was also in the crowd at Christiansborg Palace.

"Queen Margrethe's abdication is a moment in history I'll never see again in my lifetime," he said. "Duty has characterised her reign,

Queen Mary and King Frederik wave to well-wishers as they travel by carriage from Christiansborg Palace back to their home at Amalienborg Palace.

The new prince of hearts

Crown Prince Christian set hearts ablaze as the new heir to the throne of Denmark became the most eligible bachelor in Europe.

The 18-year-old was the striking image of his father King Frederik X, who Prince Christian replaced as the first in the royal family's line of succession.

Tens of thousands who lined the streets erupted in cheers as Christian stepped out to join his parents in his first official public appearance as Crown Prince.

Queen Mary's eldest son has been fending off rumours he's dating a glamorous Italian Princess Maria Chiara di Borbone delle Due Sicilie.

But after Princess Maria issued a wistful denial of a relationship, all eyes turned toward the newly-proclaimed heir to one of Europe's longest-lasting thrones.

Prince Christian joined his father and mother on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace 24 years after their own fairy tale romance began during the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Earlier he sat next to the King at the Council of State where Queen Margrethe II signed the official abdication.

Queen Margrethe II.

Queen's tearful final act

Europe's longest-serving monarch was brought to tears as she used her final act as Queen to officially sign the future of the Denmark Royal House to King Frederik X and Crown Prince Christian.

The 83-year-old, who sat on the throne since 1972, was visibly emotional as she signed the Declaration of Abdication and stepped away from her son and grandson as the country's new head of state and heir.

At that moment, the 52-year reign of Queen Margrethe II ended with her final words "long live the King". It marked the first day of the reign of King Frederik.

The succession came two weeks after Queen Margrethe II — who in the past had said she would remain on the throne for life — stunned the country on New Year's Eve when she announced her decision to abdicate.

Frederik and Mary make their royal debut as King and Queen of Denmark shortly after Queen Margrethe (top right) stepped down by signing a declaration of her abdication alongside her son. Earlier, crowds lined the streets of Copenhagen (right) to cheer on the couple as they made their way to Christiansborg Palace for the historic occasion. Pictures: AFP

King Frederik and Queen Mary with their children Isabella, Christian, Josephine and Vincent on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace.

we're indebted to her. And we're excited about getting a new reign.

"Everyone loves Queen Mary, I've met her several times and whenever she hears my Aussie accent she tells me 'That's so nice.'

Sydney-born Andrew Mina, 43, and his daughter Annika, 12, who live in Copenhagen, said they had camped out early to see the celebrations. They had both met the royal couple, and Annika plays football with the couple's youngest twin daughter, Princess Josephine.

"We're excited to be getting a new reign and an Australian queen," Mr Mina said.

Annika said of her teammate: "Princess Josephine has been training hard and is really quite good at football and plays attacker. She's really friendly and nice. I sometimes see her mum sitting in the car waiting to pick her up after football – they're a pretty cool family," she said.

The transition was put into immediate effect when Queen Margrethe signed a declaration of her abdication in front of the Danish Council of State, as well as Frederik and Mary and their eldest son, Christian, 18, who is now the direct heir to the throne.

While there was no official Australian presence at a brief levée (ceremony) following the Council of State meeting, Queen Mary had a reminder of her former home in the presence of her sister Jane Stephens, a Hobart-based pharmacist who is also godmother to Crown Prince Christian. Mary's father John Donaldson was unable to attend because of poor health.

Danes got their first glimpse of King Frederik X and Queen Mary when they were proclaimed on the balcony by Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen. Afterwards, the royal couple travelled via carriage to the family abode within Amalienborg Palace.

Crowds jammed the octagonal square outside Amalienborg hoping for a glimpse of their new-look royal family, with the photogenic and still-young ruling couple (Frederik is 55, Mary 51) at its heart.

The occasion was marked by cannon shots at the entrance to Copenhagen Harbour, the raising of the royal flag, and later, a massive fireworks display over the city.

Britain's King Charles was among the other monarchs who sent a message of congratulations, saying that along with his wife, Queen Camilla, "I look forward to working with you on ensuring that the enduring bond between our countries, and our families, remains strong, and to working together with you on issues which matter so much for our countries and the wider world."

He paid tribute to the "many years of service" of Queen Margrethe in his public statement, and wrote to her privately, as well.

Celebrations are set to continue with a parliamentary reception today and a mass next Sunday.

Hobart-born Mary's path to the Danish crown began in the year 2000, soon after she met the then-Prince Frederik in a Sydney bar during the Olympic Games.

Their courtship stayed secret until November 2001, when a Danish magazine revealed Mary's identity.

Mary officially became a princess in 2004 upon her marriage to Frederik, and she came to be highly regarded by both the Danish people and Queen Margrethe, who saw her as a rock anchoring her previously flighty husband.

With three in four Danes in support of the current system, Mary takes her place at the head of one of Europe's most beloved monarchies, at a time when support for royalty in Holland, Sweden and Spain is plummeting. Of Europe's major royal houses, only Norway eclipses Denmark in favourable polling numbers.

But the timing is awkward. Queen Margrethe's surprise decision to abdicate, after earlier saying she intended never to do so, and the haste with which the handover happened, fuelled rival conspiracy theories: one that she is in poorer health than previously believed; and the other suggesting the transition was done to sideline recent gossip that Frederik had had an affair with a Mexican socialite in Spain, a claim which that woman denied.

The crowning of the new king and queen is already creating speculation that a state visit to Australia could be on the cards, although a 2024 trip is considered unlikely because of the planned official visit by King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Two countries bound together by a crown

Charles Miranda

Aussie-born Mary's ascension as Queen of Denmark was the jewel in the crown that will forever tie the two nations from opposite sides of the world, according to expat Danes in Australia.

Australia's modest but passionately proud Danish community was always going to celebrate the once-in-a-generation crowning of a new king and queen.

But they did so on Sunday with added gusto for the Queen from Down Under, toasting the bonus connection with Akvavit snaps and pickled herring and cucumber Smorrebrod open sandwiches.

"The Danish community is of course very excited, everyone is really supporting it and for me (Margrethe) has been the only queen I've ever known and I'm only in my 40s, so it's definitely a once-in-a-generation kind of event," The Danish Club vice president Lykke Borup said.

"Having that Australian connection (Mary) is now also just making it more exciting for us here. Frederik and Mary ... are such a power couple so I think it's perfect timing for the royal family. They will put Denmark more on the map."

The 134-year-old Danish Club is one of the oldest cultural clubs in Australia and is usually closed this time of year but opened its Melbourne headquarters for a succession celebration. Ms Borup, an award-winning jeweller, has her own personal connection with the royals with her family's jewellery business in Denmark making pieces for the royal family, including Mary.

Ex-pat Dane Rasmus Fiedler, who runs social and cultural gatherings under the banner Young Vikings in Town, also has a royal connection having met Frederik and Mary in 2011 during a royal visit to Australia.

"It's great for us in Australia to have an Australian-born queen, they are so popular compared to the English royal family," he said.

Lykke Borup, Nick Procter and Ingrid Geoghegan celebrate.

Mary's diet is thought to be based on locally sourced and readily available natural foods.

Never a hair out of right royal place

HER HAIRDRESSER HAS CUT AND RUN BUT A LOYAL RETINUE OF ASSISTANTS, ADVISERS AND STAFFERS IS STILL STANDING BY TO SHAPE QUEEN MARY'S REGAL HOUSEHOLD

Zoe Smith and Danielle Gusmaroli

Behind every photograph, speech delivered, social media post placed and ribbon cut is an army of royal specialists guiding our Mary in Denmark.

As many as a dozen people form the Tasmanian-born royal's inner circle. Some have been there from the day she arrived in Copenhagen. Others will join her as she embarks on her new role as queen.

And with the shock abdication of Queen Margrethe – described by Danish royal expert Trine Villemann as "a bomb that just blew up" – the then Princess Mary received some explosive news of her own.

Her longstanding hairdresser was moving on.

But there is still a loyal contingent of assistants, advisers and staffers standing by to shape her new regal household.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Steen Evald has long been Queen Mary's go-to photographer for official portraits and private family images.

The Dane's ability to make her feel relaxed and at ease is evident in the shots he has taken.

Mr Evald, who has regularly snapped her on royal tours and visits, has also taken portraits of Crown Prince Christian, Princess Isabella, Princess Josephine and Prince Vincent, during his two decades as the royal family's official photographer.

The photographer said he had "shared many tender moments" with the family over the years.

"I have been the preferred photographer for the Crown Prince couple for 20 years and they are beautiful people to photograph," he said.

"I have watched their children grow and seen the family change over the years, we have shared many tender moments together.

"When Crown Prince Frederik turned 50, I took a strong portrait cover of him that graced magazine covers that is one of my favourite pictures of him. It shows his maturity. I have photographed Crown Princess Mary and her babies and been privileged to share in their special moments."

SKIN CARE

Danish skincare guru Ole Henriksen met Princess Mary during her first pregnancy with eldest son Crown Prince Christian when she called on him for advice.

This sparked a long friendship and he has since advised the royal on the correct products to use and how to enhance her natural radiance.

Mr Henriksen described their initial encounter as one where he was "mesmerised by her beautiful smile and stunning sense of style".

While he is now based in Los Angeles, his luxurious products are regularly delivered to Amalienborg Palace.

Ole Henriksen and Steen Evald.

Henriette Ellermann-Kingombe

LADIES IN WAITING

Over the years, Princess Mary has had several ladies-in-waiting, who organise her work diary, accompany the royal to high-profile events and assist her during engagements.

For seven years, this prestigious role was held by Tanja Doky, who is said to have struck up a firm and lasting friendship with the royal.

After Ms Doky left the role, former barrister Christine Pii Hansen stepped into her shoes.

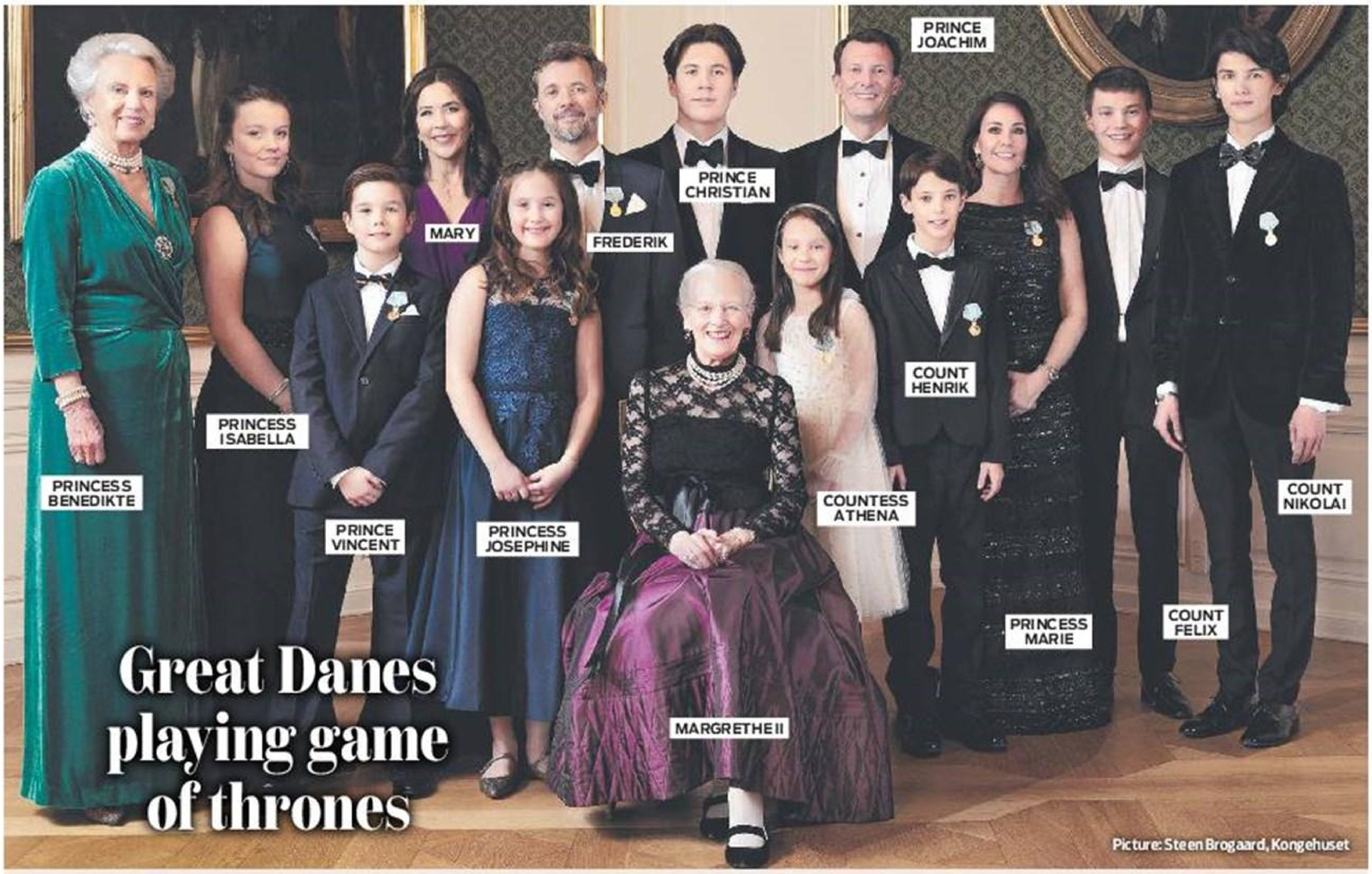
She held the role for several years before being appointed private secretary and lady-in-waiting in 2015,.

In that position, she helped organise the royal's ever-expanding work diary, accompanied her to high-profile events and assisted her during engagements.

In 2021, Ms Pii Hansen left the royal household and returned to her job as deputy head of the Department of International Law in Denmark's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She was replaced by Henriette Ellermann-Kingombe, who previously worked in the Danish Prime Minister's Office and the Danish parliament.

She remains in the role.



Great Danes playing game of thrones

Picture: Steen Brogaard, Kongehuset

The line of succession in the House of Denmark has shifted since King Frederik X and wife Queen Mary took the throne. Their son Crown Prince Christian, 18, is now the next heir to the throne and his sister Isabella, 16, second. Despite the smiles, Frederik's brother Prince Joachim, fifth in line, is still displeased his children were stripped of their prince and princess titles a year ago. Nevertheless, they are still in the line of succession.

Who's who in the Danish royal family:

PRINCESS BENEDIKTE

Margrethe's younger sister is 10th in line to the throne. Her three children have the title prince and princess, but lost their succession rights as they were not permanently resident in Denmark during their education.

PRINCESS ISABELLA

Mary and Frederik's eldest daughter is 16. She undertook her first royal engagement, aged 8, in 2015.

PRINCE VINCENT

The 13-year-old's place in the line of succession was affected by a constitutional change two years before his birth, that no longer favoured boys. Vincent is third in line behind his big brother and sister, Christian and Isabella.

MARY

Married to Frederik since 2004, the Australian famously met her prince charming in a Sydney pub. Popular with Danes after embracing their language and culture, she acted as regent in Margrethe and Frederik's absence in 2019, but now faces the full responsibilities of Queen.

PRINCESS JOSEPHINE

Frederik and Mary's younger daughter, Josephine, 13, is Vincent's twin. Both have a Greenlandic name among their middle names, Ivalo for her, and Minik for him.

FREDERIK

Ascending to the throne at the age of 55, King Frederik X will reign over Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands. He's been known as a party prince, but his mother has lauded his down-to-earth ability to connect to "all sorts of people".

PRINCE CHRISTIAN

The 18 year old seemed keen to stay out of the royal limelight in 2023 when it was announced he would delay taking a royal allowance and focus on his studies, but as heir to the throne there's no doubting his star power.

MARGRETHE II

Known for her chain-smoking (only curtailed recently) and eccentric style, the first female monarch since Margrethe I (1376-1412) also has a tough streak – stripping four of her grandchildren of their royal titles to "futureproof" the monarchy.

PRINCE JOACHIM

Frederik's brother, Joachim, 54, has moved to Washington with his second wife and younger children. He was upset at his mother's decision to remove his children's titles.

PRINCESS MARIE

Marie married Frederik's brother Joachim in 2008 and they have two children.

COUNT HENRIK

Henrik, 14, is the only son of Joachim and his second wife, Marie. He, his sister, Athena, and their half-siblings lost their royal titles on January 1, 2023, but remain in the line of succession.

COUNTESS ATHENA

Athena, 11, is the only daughter of Joachim and his second wife Marie. She is the last of Margrethe's grandchildren in the line of succession.

COUNT FELIX

Felix, 21, is the youngest son of Joachim and his first wife, Alexandra. In 2022, he began studying at Copenhagen Business School.

COUNT NIKOLAI

The eldest son of Joachim and his first wife, Alexandra, has found success as a model, but is also a business student. The 24-year-old has described losing his title as a shock, but "I am the same person as I've always been".

HAIRDRESSER

Soon after Mary Donaldson met and fell in love with the then Crown Prince Frederik, she was introduced to the hairdresser and make-up artist Soeren Hedegaard. It was a working relationship built on fun, trust and loyalty.

In the early days, the pair allegedly would sneak out to test makeup looks at the Estee Lauder counter in a Copenhagen department store. The master stylist primped and prepped the stunning Mary for 23 years.

But, following the abdication announcement, Mr Hedegaard decided to step down and focus on his job as creative director at the STUHR salon.

Soeren Hedegaard

In a heartfelt Instagram post, he wrote: "Dear friends, with the end of 2023 and with a change of throne in view, I have also chosen a change in my life.

Mr Hedegaard said he was "passing the baton on to the next generation".

"It has been 23 amazing and unforgettable years with memories and friendships that I will always carry in my heart," he wrote.

His replacement has not been announced.

PERSONAL TRAINERS/ NUTRITIONIST

Queen Mary has employed a string of personal trainers over the years to help her maintain her fitness and shape.

She is said to prefer a targeted exercise regimen that includes walking, jogging and horse riding. The Queen is also a fan of weights and heavy lifting.

When it comes to her diet, she is said to be proponent of the "Danish diet", a sensible eating plan that is centred on locally sourced and readily available natural foods.

It focuses less on meat and more on oily fish as well as root vegetables, nuts and fruits.

CLOSEST CONFIDANTS

Caroline Heering served as Queen Mary's lady in waiting and private secretary for a period shortly after the royal married King Frederik X.

Over the decades, the pair's working relationship grew and Herring is now believed to be one of Queen Mary's closest friends and confidantes.

Ms Heering is married to one of King Frederik's childhood friends, Peter, and the pair are godparents to Princess Isabella and Prince Vincent.

Birgitte Handwerk, the partner of one of King Frederik's best friends, Jeppe, was one of Queen Mary's first friends in Denmark.

They shared a common bond as they both raised young families at the same time.

Ms Handwerk is godmother to Queen Mary's daughter, Josephine, while her partner is a godfather to Crown Prince Christian.

Caroline Elisabeth Heering

Prince Frederik and Princess Mary at The Royal Palace in Stockholm in June, 2015. Picture: Getty Images

Informal approach a winner

MARY AND FREDERIK'S ABILITY TO ACT LIKE 'ORDINARY PEOPLE' WILL APPEAL TO DANES, WHO WANT LESS POMP AND FORMALITY THESE DAYS

Queen Margrethe tipped her hand on the most-important role she planned for Crown Princess Mary to play in the daily life of the Royal House of Denmark.

When it was announced the Australian princess would receive the official title of Her Majesty Queen, it stood in stark contrast to the Danish monarchy's previous foreign-born "consort", Prince Henrik. Queen Margrethe II refused to make her French husband king – an open wound he took to his grave in 2018. For Queen Mary, however, she had bigger ambitions.

"It means she will also play the role of substitute for the King," historian Lars Hovbakke Sorensen said.

"She can reign over the country for some days, or weeks, when both the King and the Crown Prince are travelling abroad."

But the professor at Copenhagen's Absalon University and author of several distinguished European history books, including Denmark: From Ancient Times to Today, said it was how Mary could spend her days – between the state visits and official duties – that would set the new Queen apart and define the future of the crown. From the moment she wakes up until when she goes to bed, it's not so much the number of engagements on her calendar – though there will be many, if not more than Queen Margrethe – but how those appointments are conducted.

"They are famous for being more informal in the way of talking to people and to speaking to ordinary people than Queen Margrethe," Sorensen said, adding their regular days would not be filled with the trappings of pomp and formality.

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> **Lars Hovbakke Sorensen**
> Historian

"They are very close to being like ordinary people. And that is really a strength because it appeals to how people see the monarchy today in a more informal way."

That's not to say her days will be spent making Vegemite sandwiches and packing lunch boxes. Sorensen said the new King and Queen were expected to engage in notably more royal responsibilities and official duties than Queen Margrethe, who received between 50 to 150 audiences a day and, since 1972, had more than 50,000 conversations with Danes at Christiansborg Palace every other Monday.

"Frederick the 10th will have his wife by his side, and that is different from Queen Margrethe, who lost her husband in 2018," he said.

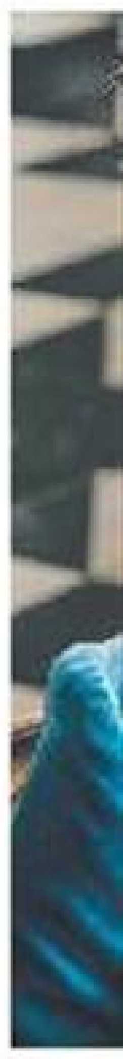
"They will have a lot of work to do and they will be having more activities as two instead of one. They will go on a lot of official visits abroad and receive a lot of respected guests from other countries.

"So she'll play this traditional role of what a queen consort is expected to do," Sorensen said, adding Queen Margrethe would step back as a more of a "patroness" post-abdication.

"In her daily life, Queen Mary will be engaged in a lot of different things: opening exhibitions, working to improve the conditions for the poor, children and single women, and a lot of different affairs. She is very much engaged in social issues and she has a lot of protections, as it's called, of different organisations."

The new Queen is expected to continue her work with The Mary Foundation, which she established in 2007 to combat the social isolation that comes with bullying, domestic violence and loneliness.

She is also expected to



Fairytale romance from a pub to a palace

It was the unlikeliest of romances: a globetrotting playboy prince and a girl from Tasmania working in the back office of an Australian real estate agency.

But from a chance meeting in a crowded Sydney harbourside pub in 2000 to today, the fairytale love story of now King Frederik and Queen Mary has played out for all the world to see.

"I found myself in an unknown country among happy, festive foreigners," Frederik would later recount to the royal court of that chance meeting at the Slip Inn during the 2000 Olympics.

He never told her he was the heir to the throne of Denmark as he introduced himself to her simply as Fred as he stood there drinking merrily with others, including his brother Prince Joachim and cousin Prince Nikolaos.

"My only luggage at that time was my high

expectations of my visit and a certain degree of confidence," the then Crown Prince Frederik would reveal during toasts after their wedding in May 2004.

"I had only been in Australia two days before our fates were sealed, even though neither of us was aware of it. But your radiance shone clearly for me from our very first meeting."

The vivacious Mary Donaldson had only been invited to the pub by her then Bondi Junction terrace housemate, who told her to come for beer and pizza with friends at a city pub.

By all reports Mary and her Aussie gal pals began debating the sexiness of chest hair on men as they turned to the table of princes and their open shirts to pose the question and sample a chest rub. The hairless Frederik caught her eye and they soon bonded over more in-depth

HOBART GIRL WHO WANTED TO BE A VET

GROWING UP IN A MODEST HOME AND POPULAR AT SCHOOL, THE YOUNG DAUGHTER OF SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS LOVED SPORT AND HORSES

When Mary Donaldson was growing up she did not dream of becoming a princess.

She had a much more sensible plan; to become a vet.

However, she was just two years old when she first caught the eye of a prince, wandering into the path of the then Prince Charles while he was on a visit to Tasmania.

Emma Tom, who wrote the 2005 unauthorised biography Something About Mary, said the now queen "made a good impression on royal males from the get-go".

Born to two Scottish-born immigrants – John Donaldson, a professor and academic, and Etta Donaldson, a cat lover, royalist and a personal assistant at the University of Tasmania – Mary was the youngest of four.

In a 2004 documentary, her father admits he was "more of a disciplinarian than necessary", although by all accounts Mary got away with more than her siblings.

The Donaldson children grew up in a modest four-bed home in Morris Ave, Hobart, and shared bedrooms.

The older-style property was recently listed for rent in 2022 for $570.

Mary said her father encouraged her to do what made her happy. For her, that involved lots of sport including hockey, tennis and basketball. She was very competitive, but horses were her real passion. Eventually, she persuaded her parents to buy her one, which she called Sultan, and later competed in dressage and showjumping competitions.

Like all the Donaldsons, Mary was publicly educated, first at Sandy Bay Infants School and then Waimea Heights Primary and Taroona High.

Her teachers described her as capable and she was popular with her classmates.

Teacher Peter Armstrong remembers her as "confident, articulate and outgoing".

"She had firm goals and she was always going to achieve," Mr Armstrong told News Corp. "You could never predict that she would go on to marry a prince but she was very determined."

Tasmanian journalist Rachel Edwards said Taroona High was known for its "skatey culture" and a school where kids liked to party.

However, despite many journalists looking into her background, no one has ever unearthed anything remotely scandalous, apart from 1980s fashion that included "giant shoulder pads and a scrunched poodle perm", according to author Tom.

Glenn Marriott, a former boyfriend who said he dated Mary for three years, described her as a "fantastic, sweet girl".

After abandoning her earlier ambition of becoming a vet, she studied commerce and law at the University of Tasmania.

She had a new dream to become a managing director of an international company.

Well, she can probably tick that one off. As Queen of Denmark she is now the face of a Danish brand, representing her adopted country overseas.

Hooray to that Tassie girl who got what she wanted in the end.

Princess Mary during a visit to Sydney in 2011, and (insets, above) as a child, at her school formal and the former Donaldson family home.

Crown Princess Mary and Prince Frederik at his 50th birthday in 2018 (top); Mary and Queen Margrethe (above); and an official portrait of Margrethe.

continue as a patron of Danish organisations such as Children, Youth & Grief, the Christmas Seal Foundation, and the Danish Mental Health Fund. As patron of the Danish Swimming Federation and the Danish Heart Foundation, Queen Mary could also continue focusing on creating communities through sports. As patron of the UN Population Fund and Maternity Foundation, her work focuses on promoting the rights of girls and women.

She is expected to also highlight health issues in Europe with the World Health Organisation, and remain a member of the UN's International Centre for Research on Women's Leadership Council.

Queen Mary likely will deliver more official speeches than she did as a princess, when she addressed the People's Movement Against Loneliness conference in 2022, Prince Frederik's official 50th birthday in 2018, and the opening of the UN's Global Goals for Sustainable Development conference in 2016. Mary was first made a "rigsforstander" in 2019 as Crown Princess. On the occasion she rises to the acting head of state of Denmark as Queen, it will be one of the rare times in the country's history that anyone other than the Crown Prince will be allowed to act as regent in the absence of the monarch.

It places a heavier weight of responsibility on Queen Mary's shoulders than her predecessor, Prince Henrik, who renounced his role as consort and spent most of his final years at his private vineyard in southern France.

Rather than being put out to pasture like Prince Henrik, Sorensen said Queen Margrethe saw s Mary in the mould of her beloved mother Queen Ingrid, who was widowed after King Frederick IX died in 1972.

"After he died, Queen Ingrid of Sweden very often was a substitute for Queen Margrethe when she was abroad," Sorensen said. "So we have seen it before that you have foreigners, so to speak, in taking that role."

The importance of Queen Ingrid continues to resonate in the Danish royal family today. She became the first member of the family other than the Crown Prince who was allowed to act as regent in the absence of the monarch.

That move is what allows Queen Mary to become Denmark's acting head of state and fulfil official functions in place of Frederik X, as Queen Ingrid did "innumerable" times after the death of Frederik IX.

"Queen Ingrid's importance for the present Danish royal family can hardly be overestimated," Amalienborg Palace's official history of the late royal said.

"She helped her husband rise to the occasion as king, and with her perceptiveness and sense of style, set an example for the current generations of the royal family."

discussion of horses and sport, before the high-spirited group drank on into the night at other city bars. For "Fred" and Mary, their fates were sealed, their love story begun.

Hobart-born Mary had graduated from the University of Tasmania with degrees in commerce and law but worked in various jobs including as an account manager for an advertising agency, even appearing in a TV commercial in 1998 for Victoria's regional train travel (which since last weekend has resurfaced to trend on social media).

But after the Slip Inn romance she soon quit Sydney and moved to Copenhagen for intense lessons in the Danish language, diplomacy and royal decorum.

The couple maintained a long-distance relationship for a year, with the then 32-year-old Frederik making secret trips to Australia to visit his 28-year-old love, but by 2001 it was decided her journey into the royal family should begin.

By 2003 Queen Margrethe formally acknowledged the relationship and an engagement was announced later that year.

Their love would make four beautiful children, with the eldest, 18-year-old Christian, elevated to Crown Prince and heir to the throne after the ascension of his parents.

Frederik might today be king, but from the beginning he has credited his queen with being his guiding force.

"The joy and the strength you give me is like the sun in the daytime which, with its radiance, melts all doubts and darkness on earth," he said during their wedding vows.

"And like the moon at night, you shine with a watchful and delicate beam of gentleness, which extinguishes the mischief and deceit used by the symbols of darkness."

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Wong in Israel trip

Courtney Gould

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Senator Wong's trip follows that of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

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Checkout the prices

Taylah Fellows

The price of some everyday grocery products has doubled over the past four years, as Queenslanders grapple with cost-of-living increases – and one in four households is now experiencing hunger.

New analysis of major supermarket prices between 2021 and 2024 show significant cost hikes across popular branded products and staple items.

Basic items like a bag of McCain mixed frozen peas, corn and carrot has shot up more than 50 percent since 2021, with shoppers now forking out $4 for the 500g of vegetables compared to a previous $2.60.

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HIT TWICE FOR REGO

EXCLUSIVE

Stephanie Bennett

More than 16,000 Queenslanders have been issued duplicate vehicle registration notices in an embarrassing blunder, forcing Transport and Main Roads to cough up hundreds of thousands of dollars in refunds.

An error in October saw duplicate vehicle registration notices sent out, with 967 Queenslanders promptly paying their bills a second time.

But the October 21 notices had already been mailed on July 21, with Department of Transport and Main Roads telling The Courier-Mail an error at a mail house vendor contracted by the department resulted in 16,401 customers being incorrectly billed. "(TMR) has proactively engaged with these customers and automatically refunded over 95 per cent," a spokeswoman said.

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Two killed in plane tragedy

Pilot and passenger die after crash at golf course

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Emergency personnel at the scene of the plane crash in Boonah yesterday. Picture: Channel 7

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Smoke billows over Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip, during an Israeli bombardment. Picture: AFP

Wong's Mid-East mission of peace

Courtney Gould

Penny Wong will make her first trip to the Middle East as Foreign Minister in the shadow of rising tensions in the region as the Israel-Hamas conflict rages.

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"This visit is about advocating for a pathway out of this conflict," Senator Wong said on Sunday.

"In my meetings, I will be advocating for an increase in the delivery of vital humanitarian assistance, the upholding of international law and greater protection of civilians, and avoiding regional escalation."

Senator Wong's trip follows that of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who was in the region last week. He warned the Israeli government that the civilian death toll in the Gaza Strip was "far too high".

Sunday marked 100 days since the Hamas militant group killed 1200 Israelis and took another 240 hostage.

Israel's retaliation has resulted in the deaths of more than 20,000 Palestinians in the three months since.

Senator Wong will have to walk a tightrope as she reiterates Australia's condemnation of Hamas's initial attack and support for Israel's right to defend itself, while also calling for steps to be taken towards a "sustainable ceasefire".

"Australia has consistently and unequivocally condemned Hamas's October 7 terror attacks. We continue to call for the immediate and unconditional release of hostages," she said.

"I will express our profound concern that there are increasingly few safe places for Gazans. I will reiterate our call for safe, unimpeded and sustained humanitarian access so that food, water, fuel, medicine and essential assistance can reach people in desperate need, and so civilians can get to safety.

"Australia wants to see steps towards a sustainable ceasefire. That can never be one-sided.

"It is our view that Gaza must no longer be used as a platform for terrorism and that Hamas must lay down its arms."

Senator Wong will also visit Oman, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates where she will hold meetings with counterparts about the de-escalation of tensions in the region.

The Albanese government faced criticism last year when it opted to send junior minister Tim Watts as the first Australian government representative to the region.

Senator Wong's trip was announced just a day later.

The government said her visit would build on the extensive diplomatic efforts she had made since the crisis erupted.

Senator Wong's visit comes just days after Australia supported the US and UK's air strikes on Yemen in retaliation for Houthi rebels launching missile attacks on commercial ships in the Red Sea.

The Iranian-backed rebels have launched 27 attacks in the crucial trade route since mid-November – a response to Israel's bombardment of Gaza.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese last week accused Iran of playing a "destructive role" in the conflict.

Pressure on Albo to keep tax cuts

Angira Bharadwaj

Anthony Albanese is fending off moves from the left of his party to water down the stage three tax cuts he promised to keep at the last election, with party sources saying the cost of living crisis is a key reason why the policy will most likely survive.

Anthony Albanese

Labor sources described the pressure the Prime Minister has faced to meddle with a key election promise after he was caught in a breakfast TV interview refusing to guarantee the cuts, which would give financial relief to anyone earning more than $40,000 a year.

One Labor source said there was a growing movement in the caucus in favour of the policy, with more Labor MPs recognising it could help the "hurting" middle class.

"It's becoming more acceptable (in the caucus). People in the middle are really hurting. This is one way to give back," the source said.

"There will be other measures that will focus on the lower income earners ... (the PM) and the Treasurer have both said that."

It's understood there was intense pressure to move against the policy after the election, but the party room has had a growing acceptance of it – although privately several MPs are still not on board.

Asked about the internal push-back, a spokesman for the Treasurer responded: "Our position on the stage three tax cuts hasn't changed."

The average Australian full time worker earns $1600 a week – equalling an annual salary of $83,200 – according to the latest data from the Australia Bureau of Statistics.

For a family with two full-time working parents earning $80,000 to $90,000 each, that would be between $875 and $1125 per adult in savings if Labor pushes ahead with the cuts.

Economist Saul Eslake said the policy would benefit those Australians who have been most affected by interest rate hikes and rent increases.

PM in balancing act as Taiwan snubs China

Amanda Sheppeard

Australia faces a delicate balancing act in supporting Taiwan's new democratically elected government while also trying to stabilise relations with China, a senior analyst says, adding Prime Minister Anthony Albanese would now be under pressure to improve ties with the new government.

Dr Malcolm Davis, a senior analyst at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, also warned the election result will not end China's determination to force the country into unification – a quest he believes will likely result in a "major power war".

"I think that there will now be added incentive and pressure on the Albanese government to improve ties with the new DPP (Democratic Progressive Party) government," Dr Davis said. "But obviously, Albanese is still caught up with the whole thing of trying to stabilise relations with China, irrespective of the fact that the Chinese ambassador just threatened us that if we if we didn't distance ourselves from Taiwan ... we were pushed over into the abyss.

"That's pretty wolf warrior language, in my opinion. It does kind of undermine the notion that there's been some sort of stabilisation in the relationship (with China)."

Dr Davis said the election result was a clear demonstration of the strength and vibrancy of Taiwan's democracy.

"China didn't want the DPP to win, they wanted the KMT (Kuomintang) to win. So the Chinese have basically been forced to watch as the DPP has been democratically elected by the Taiwanese people."

He said the Chinese government had already refused to accept the result as a majority win for the DPP, and would continue to put pressure on Taiwan to accept unification.

"You cannot rule out the possibility that China will use military force to try and impose unification on the Taiwanese people against their wishes."

Don't mess with our Day

Two-thirds of Australians agree January 26 should remain as the date we celebrate

EXCLUSIVE

James Morrow

Fewer than one in five Australians want to change the date of Australia Day while nine in 10 citizens say they are "proud to be Australian," according to new polling.

The Institute of Public Affairs survey examined public attitudes to our national day.

While nearly two-thirds of us agree Australia Day should remain as January 26, those aged 18-24 are more ambivalent thanks to the "relentless indoctrination" of the schools system, the IPA said. According to the survey of over 1000 Australians, 63 per cent of respondents agreed with the statement "Australia Day should be celebrated on January 26."

Just 17 per cent disagreed, while 20 per cent had no opinion. The results closely track with previous annual IPA surveys which found similar majorities agreeing that Australia Day should remain the 26th.

The support for the day comes despite ongoing controversy around Australia Day, which marks the 1788 landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove. Last week, supermarket giant Woolworths sparked calls for a boycott against it after it said it would not sell Australia Day merchandise this year due to lack of demand and a "wider discussion" about what the day means to people.

Earlier this month it was revealed that at least 81 local councils across the country had decided to move their citizenship day ceremonies away from Australia Day after being given the green light by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

The survey, conducted by polling firm Dynata, found that celebrating Australia Day on January 26 was only controversial among 18-24 year olds, with just 42 per cent agreeing that the date should be kept.

However, a majority in every bracket of voters older than 25 agreed that the date should stay the same, with 61 per cent of 25-34 year olds agreeing with the current Australia Day and 71 per cent of those over 55.

Greater numbers agreed they were proud to be Australian (87 per cent) and that Australian history was something to be proud of (69 per cent).

"Australia is the greatest nation on earth. Our way of life and freedoms are the envy of the world, and they must be cherished and celebrated," IPA deputy executive director Daniel Wild said.

"It is concerning just 42% of those aged 18-24 support Australia Day on January 26.

"This is a direct result of relentless indoctrination taking place at schools and universities (however) a strong majority of younger Australians beyond the years of formal education support our national day.

"You can hardly blame young Australians for having a negative view of their country given they are continually told it is not worth celebrating or fighting for."

Archie Fitzpatrick catches an Uber ride with tennis legend Andre Agassi, who sports a Kentucky Waterfall hairdo for the company's latest marketing campaign (inset). Pictures: Brendan Beckett

Cabbie Agassi the wheel deal

Nui Te Koha

With four Australian Open championships, US tennis legend Andre Agassi could never be accused of being a passenger at Melbourne Park.

Now, 21 years after his last triumph at Rod Laver Arena, Agassi has returned to the hallowed courts as exactly that – a passenger – at Melbourne's Grand Slam tournament.

On Monday, Agassi will ride in random "comfort electric" cars with Uber One members being driven to the Australian Open.

"I look forward to meeting everybody," Agassi told The Courier-Mail.

"If they're crazy fans ... who have followed me and watched every match, then I'll apologise for half of my career.

"I always look forward to the possibility they might not even know me. We'll see.

"Life is about connection, it's about people."

Agassi also revisited his mullet phase, and wears a "Kentucky Waterfall" hairdo, in a new campaign for the ride share giant.

"It was such a part of my evolution," Agassi said of his famous follicles.

"Now with the mullet coming back (into style), I'm not sure if I should feel guilty or proud."

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Harry faces cash 'time bomb'

Zoe Smith

Meghan Markle and Prince Harry face a "ticking time bomb" due to the failure of their Hollywood dreams, a royal expert has claimed.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have just a year left before their much-hyped $148m Netflix deal, which they signed with the streaming giant to produce documentaries, docuseries, feature films, scripted shows and children's programming. The California-based pair are believed to have been paid only half of their reported fee and will only get the rest of the money if they produce more content before the end of 2025, The Sun reports.

Royal commentator Richard Fitzwilliams told London's The Sun newspaper that the couple could lose everything if they didn't produce more content before their contract ended. "They have done nothing for Netflix really, the one exception being Invictus, and that was very worth it but too long a wait," he said.

"If you simply trash your family to get megabucks, and do nothing else, then you must expect people not to take you seriously." He said the couple were "light years away" from when they were on Time magazine's list of the world's 100 top individuals.

Job ads fall as economy stalls

Matt Bell

Employers should have an easier time finding workers if the number of applicants for job ads is any indication, while more Australians are expected to be out of work this year.

Data from online employment company Seek shows that, nationally, job ads were down 17.4 per cent in the 12 months to December due to a slowdown in the economy.

Ads for tech workers were down by 32 per cent, followed by retail and hospitality sectors (down 27 per cent), which have been impacted by a pullback in consumer spending.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics this week releases the latest labour force figures for December and economists expect the unemployment rate to remain steady at 3.9 per cent and 18,000 jobs to be added – compared with 61,500 jobs created in November. The falling rate at which employers sought to hire staff helped drive a 6 per cent increase in applications per job ads in the month to December, which came as national job ads also rose 0.5 per cent.

"For only the third time in 18 months, job ad volumes rose in December," Seek managing director Kendra Banks said.

Queensland's job ads growth in the past month was 0.7 per cent.

No time left for Games projects

Just upgrade: says expert

Hayden Johnson

Queensland's decision-makers have left it "too late" to build major new public transport infrastructure for the Olympic Games, but minor network changes could increase capacity and ease congestion, an advocate says.

The state government is being urged to develop and fast-track plans for major rail and bus upgrades with Brisbane's 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games now just eight-and-a-half years away.

Public transport expert Robert Dow, of advocacy group Rail Back on Track, warned that southeast Queensland could miss out on the generational benefits of the Olympic Games if governments continued to play "petty politics" with major projects.

"To get to a place where we're successful in eight years, we haven't got a whole lot of time to build massive new projects – we need to improve what we've got," he said.

"We can't really start building rail lines – we'll be lucky to get the line from Beerwah to Maroochydore.

"We have all these visions and plans but they keep rolling on and we don't seem to get much implemented."

Analysis by the Public Transport Users Association found Brisbane's per capita public transport use was the nation's second worst and ahead of only Canberra.

Mr Dow warned that without vast improvements, southeast Queensland would "collapse".

"Everyone is complaining about congestion – the only way out is not to build more roads ... but public and active transport, we've got to make it much more attractive to people," Mr Dow said.

Trains outside of peak times should be more frequent, with a better connection between timetables to link trains, buses and ferries, and the off-peak discount should rise from 20 per cent to 50 per cent, he said.

"We need better bus routes to connect suburbs, connect properly into the trains, boost the rail frequency and if we do that ... then the whole area becomes much easier to get around on public transport."

Deputy Premier Cameron Dick said the state government would invest $32bn over four years on transport and main roads infrastructure.

"No government has ever invested that much in transport and main roads projects," Mr Dick said.

"We're already rolling out a very significant capital program here in the southeast, but across the state as well.

"Our aim is to deliver an investment in infrastructure in time for the Olympics, not just for the Olympics."

Mr Dow cited the mammoth Sydney Metro development, Australia's largest public transport project, as an example of a city building for the future.

"They've grabbed the moment and realised they need a proper subway-metro system to move people quickly and efficiently – they're prepared to make the financial commitment now and reap the benefits," he said. "Automated metros are the way to go and in the long term Brisbane will need something like it."

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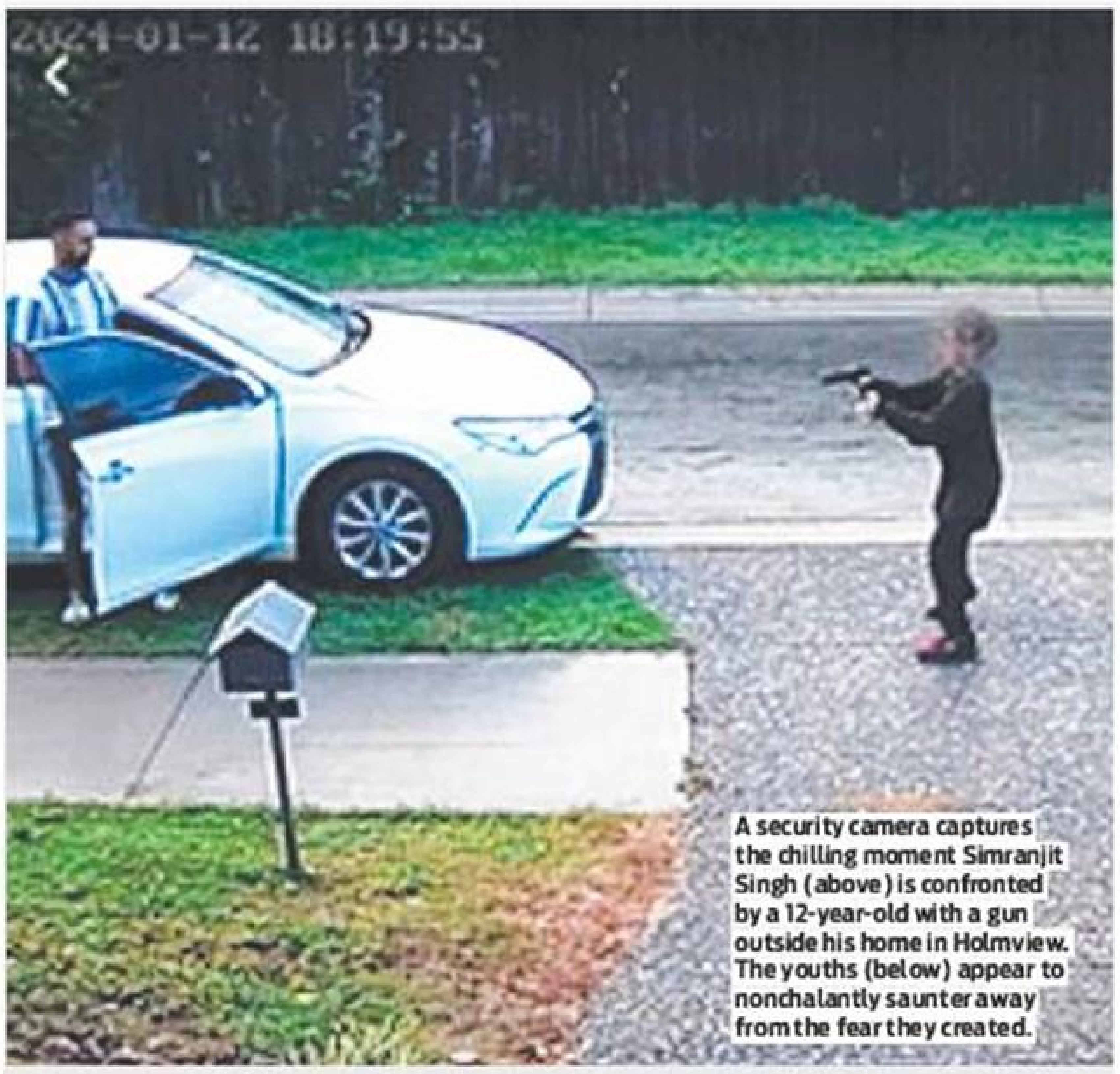


A security camera captures the chilling moment Simranjit Singh (above) is confronted by a 12-year-old with a gun outside his home in Holmview. The youths (below) appear to nonchalantly saunter away from the fear they created.

Family threatened by kid wielding a gun in street

Mikaela Mulveney

A family has been terrorised by a gun-toting youth crim, who pulled out the weapon and pointed it at the father of the family as the man, his wife and their four-year-old returned to their home in Holmview, Logan, on Friday.

Simranjit Singh said his wife Simrandeep Kaur and their son reacted in horror as the teen pulled out what appeared to be a gun and pointed it at him as he was stepping out of the vehicle.

"I just thought 'oh my god' and started screaming ... my brain stopped working when I saw it pointed at us," Mr Singh said. "It was terrible, very scary.

"We saw them loitering around as we drove up to the house; he approached the car and reached for the gun."

The family was quick to get back into the safety of the car and the young boy eventually ran away.

Ms Kaur said the pre-teen pointing the gun "had no fear" of them and was "extremely confident".

"My husband told him to 'run away' and he wasn't scared of him, he was just pointing the gun and clicked the trigger," she said.

The couple said the youth, aged about 12, was accompanied by another teen, aged about 15.

"I just started to scream and then our child was crying who was very scared at the time," Ms Kaur said.

Mr Singh said Beenleigh Police told him they had received other complaints on Friday about the youths from residents in their street.

But the couple said they no longer felt safe in their own home.

"We are very nervous here now," Ms Kaur said.

Police continue to investigate the incident.

Labor's healthy dose of hubris

EXCLUSIVE

Jackie Sinnerton

The Queensland government has declared 2023 as the "year of delivery" in health care, but sidestepped repeated criticism the state's health system remains in "crisis".

Acting Health Minister Mark Ryan said from "strengthening Queensland's world-class healthcare workforce" to opening five new satellite hospitals, the state had "achieved a lot in 2023".

"It was a year of delivery, from planning and building infrastructure to developing strategies to ease hospital pressures, bolstering the health workforce with crucial new talent and investing in initiatives that deliver better health outcomes for all Queenslanders," he said.

Mr Ryan's comments may raise eyebrows, with the government facing repeated criticism in 2023 for its DNA lab debacle, several deaths due to ambulance ramping and maternity chaos in Gladstone.

A backlog in scanning also resulted in the Australian Medical Association revealing doctors had so little faith in the state's public health system, they were referring patients to private radiologists for scans to avoid life-threatening delays.

During the "year of delivery" Shannon Fentiman replaced Yvette D'Ath in the health portfolio.

Despite the challenges, and repeated LNP attacks about the state of the health system, Mr Ryan spruiked the government's achievements.

About 544 doctors, 1731 nurses, 96 midwives and 479 allied health workers were recruited amid a workforce crisis.

The government credits the Workforce Attraction Incentive Transfer Scheme for attracting talent to regional and remote areas by offering up to $70,000 to eligible interstate and overseas healthcare workers.

Five new satellite hospitals opened, providing free health care to more than 33,450 Queenslanders, though the LNP accused the government of duping residents by calling them hospitals.

Mr Ryan also cited the state's $1.64bn Better Care Together-funded mental health and wellbeing programs.

First Jasper, now monsoons cause grief

Jessica Wang

With the monsoon season about to descend on northern Queensland, a major concern will be how the renewed downpours affect regions still recovering from Cyclone Jasper.

In December, the slow-moving category 2 storm caused widespread flooding, damage to homes, power cuts and landslides in the state's far north – areas which could soon be lashed by severe winds and heavy rains.

Bureau of Meteorology senior meteorologist Angus Hines said the monsoon could result in parts of Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia receiving up to 300mm of rain.

He said while the rainfall was seasonal, it would be worrying for towns north of Cairns, which bore the brunt of Cyclone Jasper.

"They're still in recovery mode in some areas," Mr Hines said.

"So, even though we're seeing some more rainfall, it's not really wanted or welcome rainfall, as it could impact or set back some of those recovery efforts."

Mr Hines said that the monsoons would likely "stick around for a while".

"The rain could be up to 50 or 100mm through the first half of this week, and it's likely to linger into the second half of the week as well," he said.

"It's not going to be torrential rain every day, but we do see that risk of wet weather and much heavier falls."

Queenslanders have been warned to prepare for potential flash flooding as a monsoon trough sweeps across the far north, bringing a new wave of heavy rain to the already drenched ground.

New wrinkle in ageing

Some day there could be a way to prevent wrinkles – in time.

It's been long believed that wrinkles were simply caused by the ageing process – and exacerbated by ultraviolet light from the sun – but bacteria may actually be to blame, according to some "groundbreaking" new research.

The Center for Microbiome Innovation at the University of California San Diego teamed up with L'Oréal Research and Innovation for the study, published in the journal Frontiers, which found that wrinkles are linked to the skin microbiome, which is the collection of microorganisms that inhabit our skin.

The findings explain why the ageing process is not uniform, as some folks of the same age look older than others.

Pressure on ALP in childcare pay fight

EXCLUSIVE

Clare Armstrong

Families face higher childcare costs or a shortage of places if Labor does not commit funds to cover a much-needed wage increase for early educators.

Unions and employers currently at the negotiating table are still waiting on the federal government to indicate if, and how much, it is willing to contribute to a pay rise they say is needed to help the struggling sector retain and attract staff.

The talks are the first major test of Labor's controversial multi-employer bargaining reforms, which the government previously championed as the ideal mechanism for low-paid sectors like child care.

Sources familiar with the negotiations say if Labor fails to step up, childcare providers will have to pass on extra costs to families or, if an agreement cannot be reached, then the sector will be unlikely to attract the staff needed to meet demand for places.

In a December 18 letter sent to unions, childcare associations and employers involved in the negotiations, lawyers for the government said it would not be able to provide information about its position in February. This leaves only weeks for an agreement to be reached in time for any additional government funding to be included in the May budget.

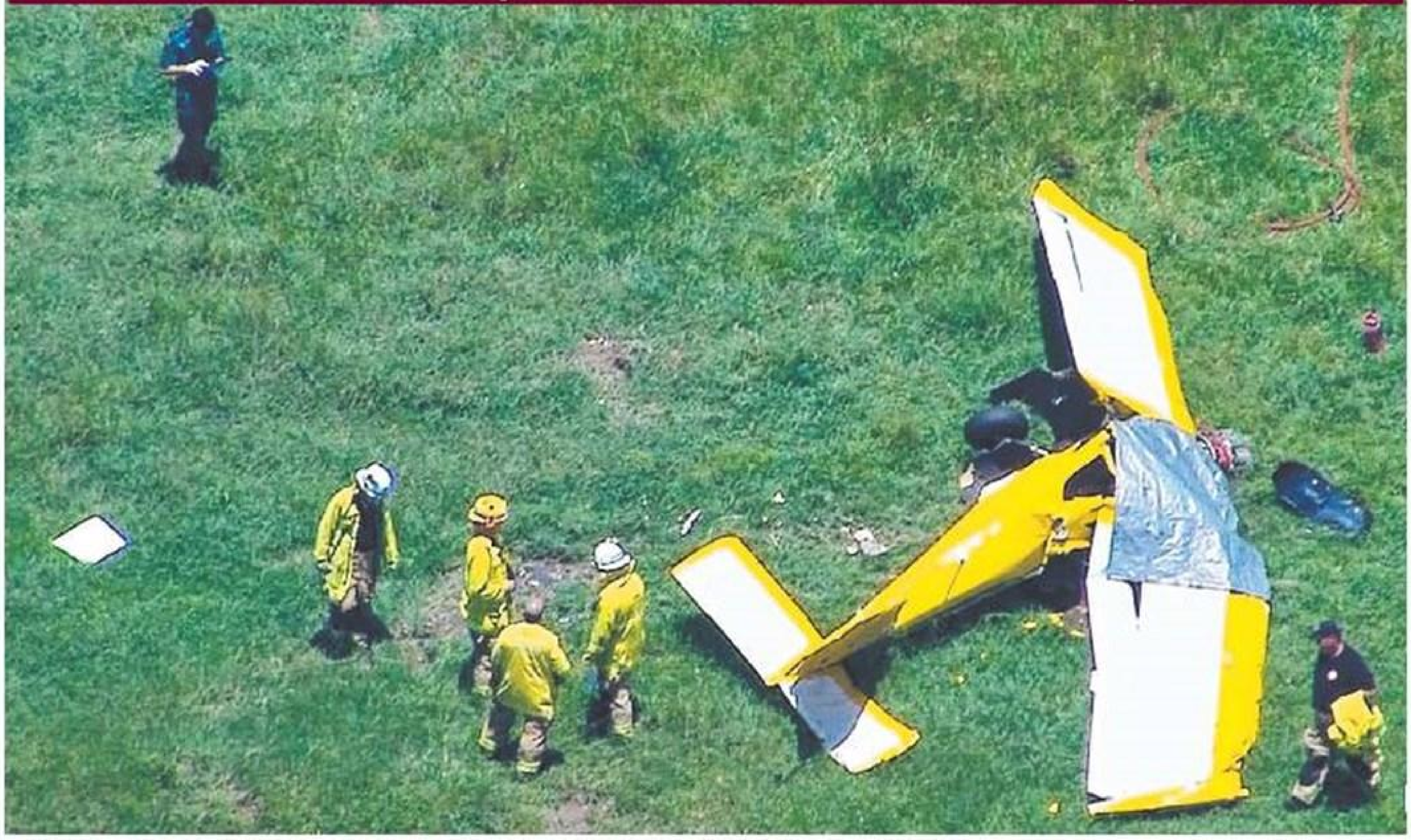
United Workers Union executive director of early education Helen Gibbons said a wage increase to help retain and attract extra staff was "key" to unlocking more affordable childcare.

Ms Gibbons said staff shortages had led to centres "closing rooms and turning parents away" just as Labor's "cheaper childcare" policy came into effect last July.

"It is more affordable now, but families can't get access," she said. "This wage increase is absolutely integral, it's the missing piece to the government's cheaper childcare commitment."

Education Minister Jason Clare acknowledged more work needed to be done in the sector. "There are 14,000 more early childhood workers than there were 18 months ago, but there is still a lot more to do," he said.

Call for witnesses as police search for answers in plane crash



Police investigate at the site of the plane crash at Bruckner Hill Rd in Dugandan, near Boonah, on Sunday. Pictures: Channel 7

Two airmen die just metres from golfers

Vishaak Ganasandra

Two men have been killed in a light plane crash in the Scenic Rim, metres from where people were playing golf.

Emergency services were called to Bruckner Hill Rd in Dugandan, near the entrance to the Boonah Golf Club, shortly before noon after the plane crashed to the ground.

Paramedics rushed to the scene, but the pilot and passenger, aged 69 and 82, could not be saved.

Ipswich Acting Inspector Kerry Olsen confirmed nobody had survived the crash.

"There was a plane crash reported in the Dugandan area and tragically two people have lost their lives as a result of that crash," she said.

"Emergency services are still on scene trying to undertake some further investigations and actually ascertain what caused this particular tragedy.

"We have police who are engaging with the families ... of the two persons who were on that plane and we wish their families every possible amount of support that can be provided to them at this time."

She said police were not aware of any mayday call from the aircraft, but that it would form part of the investigation.

Inspector Olsen said the plane had taken off from the Boonah airfield and was returning when it crashed.

"That is something the investigators will have to pursue, in terms of any transmissions that were made from the aircraft," she said.

"We are aware that there are many members of the community who may have witnessed this particular crash and our thoughts are also with those persons.

"As you can imagine any crash scene can be quite confronting and the first responders managed it very quickly, but members of the community may also have been impacted.

"We would like to request if possible that if anyone has any form of footage, whether it be dashcam, home security or any other footage that they may possess of planes flying in the Boonah area, if they are able to provide that to Policelink to help assist in our investigations, that would be greatly appreciated.

"And if there are any witnesses to the actual crash, if they also could contact Policelink."

Inspector Olsen said she believed "many" people were on the golf course when the plane crashed near the car park area.

"This is a tragedy; we're currently in school holidays, it's a beautiful afternoon in the Scenic Rim and we are certainly sending out our thoughts and every possible support that we can provide (to the community)," she said.

"If people do need further support, please reach out and ask for it."

She said golfers were asked by police to leave the course.

Inspector Olsen said the Australian Transport Safety Bureau had been advised of the crash and would be assisting the investigation, but would not attend the scene.

A man at the Boonah Golf Club said he had heard the plane crash.

He said he believed about 10-15 people were playing at the time.

"Nobody really saw the crash, but we heard it," he said.

"We thought it was the air force ... who do regular drills in the area."

I've thrown aside ADHD issues

Kit Harington shot to fame as Jon Snow in HBO's hit fantasy series Game of Thrones.

However, the 37-year-old's time in the limelight caused him to struggle with mental health issues and alcoholism.

Harington entered rehab back in 2019 for alcoholism. Now, he has revealed he was diagnosed with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) while there.

"I realised that my life was hinging on this. Luckily it was the right place at the right time. I managed to forge a new life from there," the British actor divulged on a recent episode of the wellness podcast, Hidden 20%.

Harington admitted to host Ben Branson that he "entered rehab drunk, sobered up in there and went, 'Not this, not you guys in a circle. No, thank you.'"

The *GOT* star – the series still airs locally on Binge – explained he was in a different rehab clinic before he went to an American facility. The second place was where he was made aware of his ADHD.

"And I left that pretty quick and said, 'I'll try to deal with this by myself,' which didn't work after about four years," he sighed. But now, the Eternals star said, he's "sober and present", focused on being a dad to his two young children.

Kit Harington as Jon Snow.

Missing little boy found

A 10-year-old boy who sparked a massive search effort across north Brisbane was found safe and well on Sunday night almost seven hours after he went missing.

Zane, who has autism, is from Canberra and has been in Queensland to visit his grandparents.

Several police crews, including a helicopter, and dozens of locals were among the search effort after Zane went missing from the Everton Park Hotel.

The young boy was captured on CCTV footage leaving Everton Park Hotel on to Flockton St and heading towards Old Northern Rd on Sunday afternoon.

The frantic search came to an end just before 9pm when Zane was found on Kingsford Smith Drive, 12km east from where he was last seen leaving the hotel.

Dick hits feds on airport demand

Hayden Johnson

Deputy Premier Cameron Dick has challenged the federal government and Brisbane City Council to fund better public transport to Brisbane Airport – but wouldn't detail what could be done while Airtrain enjoys exclusive access to the precinct.

Federal Infrastructure Minister Catherine King has written to the state government urging it to find a solution to the 35-year contract with foreign-owned Brisbane Airtrain that gives it exclusive public transport access to both terminals until 2036.

Mr Dick on Sunday acknowledged the state would increase efforts to find a solution to the Airtrain contract after previous transport minister Mark Bailey was unable to do so.

"There are issues in relation to that contract, which was concluded by the then-LNP government about 20 years ago, and it's not been a great deal," Mr Dick said.

"We need to look at that contract and what it means, but if we are to improve public transport to the airport we would welcome a significant investment from the federal government and Adrian Schrinner's council to help us do that."

Brisbane Airport is tipping 30 million passengers will use hub annually by 2032, up from 20 million travellers currently.

The lack of public transport is also challenging for Brisbane Airport as it prepares to expand its workforce from 20,000 to 30,000 employees in time for the 2032 Olympic Games, with 93 per cent of staff now driving and parking on site.

Mr Dick said Ms King's letter indicated the federal government was "keen to support the state in improving public transport to the airport".

"We know the federal government's jointly funding a $5 billion rail line to Melbourne and we would welcome an investment from the federal government as well as Adrian Schrinner's council, who also supports improved public transport," he said.

The Deputy Premier did not provide details when asked what the federal government and council could do while Airtrain held exclusive access to Brisbane Airport.

Consumers count cost as researchers take

GROCERIES DOUBLE IN PRICE OVER FOUR YEARS

Taylah Fellows

The price of some everyday grocery products has doubled over the past four years as Queenslanders grapple with cost of living increases – and one in four households are now experiencing hunger.

New analysis of major supermarket prices between 2021 and 2024 show significant cost hikes across popular branded products and staple items.

Basic items like a bag of McCain mixed frozen peas, corn and carrot has shot up more than 50 per cent since 2021, with shoppers now forking out $4 for the 500g of vegetables compared to a previous $2.60.

Cans of Heinz baked beans increased 40 per cent, rising from $2 to $2.80 and toilet cleaner shot up from $5 to $7, also by increasing 40 per cent.

Aussie fan favourites Milo and Golden Circle Golden Pash juice spiked 20 per cent, while a packet of Tim Tam Originals jumped 12.5 per cent.

It comes after Foodbank's 2023 Hunger Report found increased cost of food, fuel, and home gas and electricity were the leading causes of hunger in Queensland, with one in three households unable to afford groceries at some point last year.

The staggering shopping price increases have been revealed in a Compare the Market analysis of trolley favourites.

The research found that of the 29 items, there was an average 40 per cent price jump.

But the biggest increase was Monini Classico extra virgin olive oil, which doubled in price from $12 to $24, while a 4kg packet of potatoes now costs $9 instead of $5.90.

A packet of Red Rock Deli sea salt chips will now set shoppers back $6.30 compared to $4.65 in 2021, and a 500g block of Bega tasty cheese has gone from $8 up to $10.50.

A 2L Biozet Attack laundry liquid bottle increased more than 18 per cent and a packet of D'orsogna shaved ham now costs $36 per kg compared to $31.50 in 2021 and 2022.

Compare the Market's Chris Ford said price hikes had significantly impacted families who were already doing it tough.

He said price hikes for olive oil could be due to natural disasters overseas, but there were "many factors", including severe weather events, that contributed to the increases.

"There's currently an olive oil shortage due to fires and droughts in Europe, which could be why we're seeing a 100 per cent price increase since 2021 for particular products," he said.

"Severe weather events have had a particularly devastating impact on our produce industry and companies could be paying more to produce and ship the items we rely on."

With just two grocery bags in the trolley, Ascot local Jess Waterson and her two sons Oliver and Jack paid $200 for a midweek food stock-up.

"It definitely is more expensive; this whole trolley was close to $200 and we have barely bought anything," Mrs Waterson said.

"It's not particular items, it's everything at the moment."

"With two kids so close together I have found that it is not so much the nappies that are getting more expensive, but the baby wipes. It is the things that you don't expect.

CHECK OUT HOW MUCH MORE YOU'RE PAYING

Item	2021	2024	Percentage difference between 2021 and 2024
Monini Classico Extra Virgin Olive Oil 750ml	$12.00	$24.00	▲100%
McCain Mixed Vegetables Peas Corn & Carrot 500g	$2.60	$4.00	▲53.85%
Australian Brushed Potatoes 4kg pack	$5.90	$9.00	▲52.54%
Twinings Pure Peppermint Tea Bags 10 Pack	$2.00	$3.00	▲50%
Bref Power Active Toilet Cleaner Block Flower 1 Pack	$5.00	$7.00	▲40%
Fancy Feast Adult Beef, Salmon & Cheese Flavour Dry Cat Food 450g	$5.30	$7.00	▲32.08%
Coca-Cola 375ml 10 pack	$14.40	$19.00	▲31.94%
Bega Tasty Cheese Block 500g	$8.00	$10.50	▲31.25%
Dairy Farmers Thick & Creamy Vanilla Yoghurt 4 Pack	$4.00	$5.00	▲25%
Handee Ultra Paper Towel Double Length White 240 Sheets 2 Pack	$4.00	$5.00	▲25%
Milo 1kg	$12.50	$15.50	▲24%
Low GI Hi Fibre Bread 680g	$3.00	$3.70	▲23.33%
Huggies Infant Nappies 48 Pack	$18.00	$22.00	▲22.22%
Golden Circle Golden Pash Juice 1L	$2.25	$2.70	▲20%
Sunrice Jasmine Fragrant Rice 5kg	$20.00	$24.00	▲20%
Sanitarium Weet-bix Breakfast Cereal 1.2kg	$5.00	$6.00	▲20%
Cadbury Dairy Milk Chocolate Block 360g	$6.00	$7.00	▲16.67%

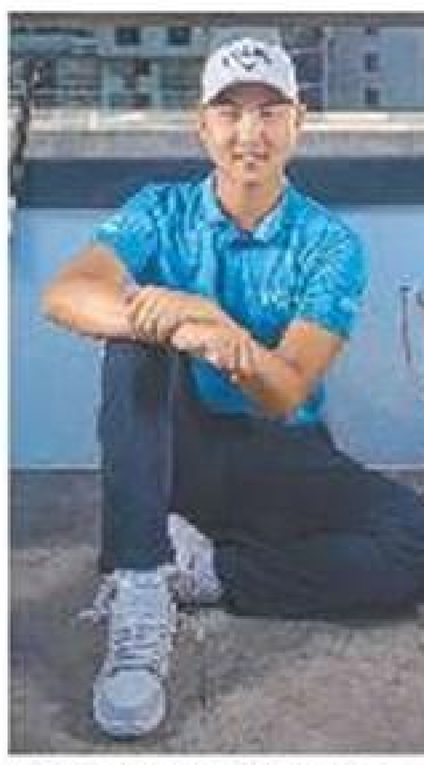
Prices are reflective of full retail price and sourced from major supermarket online stores. Prices are subject to change but are accurate as of 9/01/2024.

Major hack on govt

Sixty-two government agencies including the Prime Minister's Department, the AFP and the Australian Taxation Office had sensitive data stolen in a hack of the nation's largest commercial law firm last year.

Sixteen federal government departments, eight commissions, Australia Post, the Reserve Bank and the ACCC were among the government entities affected by the hack at law firm HWL Ebsworth in April, The Australian reports. Hackers from the ALPHV/Black cat ransomware group, which has ties to Russia, stole 2.5 million documents from the law firm, which has been contracted for legal work for various government agencies.

One million documents were then published online. The hack involved "sensitive information" including "issues relating to national security and law enforcement".



PGA golfer Min Woo Lee.

Teeing off to word up on fashion

Jamie Pandaram

Designing clothes, chatting with NBA superstars and living in Las Vegas is the career progression golf star Min Woo Lee always felt was coming – just not this quickly.

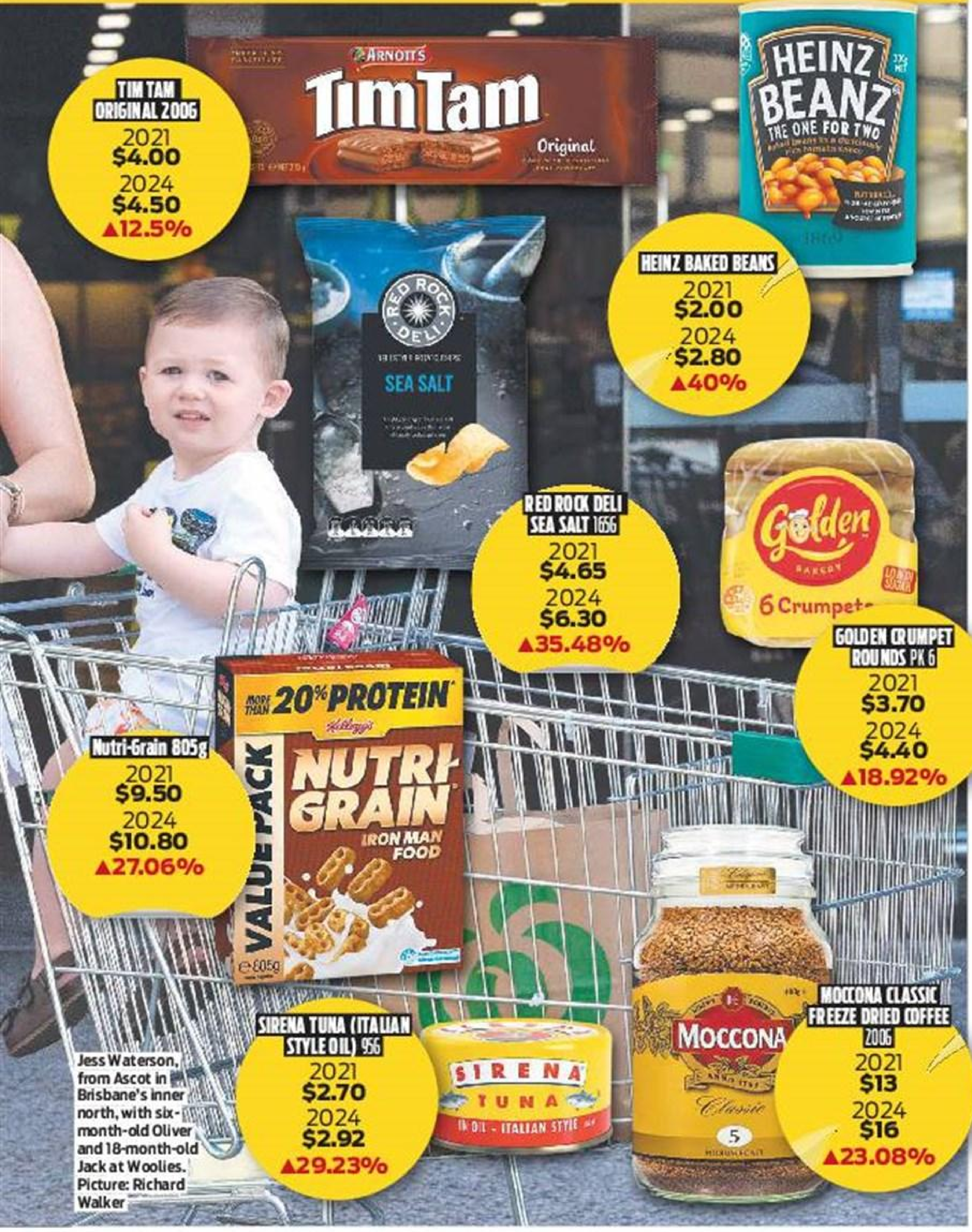
The 25-year-old who has developed a cult following in the sport and ascended to No.33 in the world rankings is, by all measure, in the infancy of his sporting path after only turning professional four years ago.

Yet now he has a huge and growing fan base and has just signed a deal with fashion brand Lululemon which will see him help design garments and add his own motivational quotes to clothes.

Lee, who has more than 400,000 Instagram followers and another 260,000 on TikTok, said: "Lululemon shirts, the bottom side of the back of the shirt, they have a positive message. I was like, 'oh, that will be really good if I did bring out my own collection, then I can write something positive on there' ... And I did bring it up and they were like, 'yeah, that's amazing'.

"I wanted to be with them and they have a very positive, positive way. And my motto – making people smile – that was a big thing on their side as well, so we matched up really well."

stock of shock food bill hikes



Jess Waterson, from Ascot in Brisbane's inner north, with six-month-old Oliver and 18-month-old Jack at Woolies. Picture: Richard Walker

"Compared to last year, prices are about the same. It has been expensive for some time now."

Meanwhile, Hamilton local Maureen Lobo said she's switched to daily small shops over weekly larger shops.

"I definitely buy a lot more home brand from Coles and Woolworths to save money instead of buying the more expensive stuff," she said.

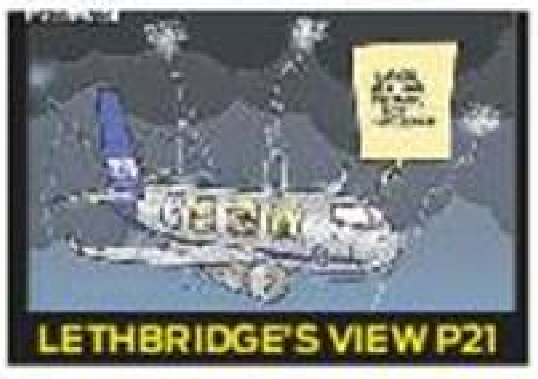
Foodbank Queensland chief executive Jess Watkinson said food insecurity was rife and was now affecting families who had never experienced not being able to afford grocery shops before.

"The increases in the cost of living can lead to food insecurity as it forces people to make compromises on what and when they are eating," she said.

"The 2023 Foodbank Hunger Report has shown that one in three Queensland households continues to experience food insecurity each year. "Food insecurity is now being experienced in homes it has never touched before.

"At Foodbank Queensland we believe everyone should have access to food.

"As our state battles with natural disasters and increases in living costs we are working with more than 300 frontline charities and 300 schools to deliver food and meals to Queenslanders in need."



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Majority of state battling to pay

Toby Crockford

Two-thirds of Queenslanders are having trouble paying their rent or mortgage, and a third expect their financial situation to worsen over the next year, exclusive new polling reveals.

Amid the cost-of-living crisis, Queenslanders are sacrificing holidays, with half of the state's respondents either struggling to afford a getaway or putting a break on the backburner.

The Demos AU cost-of-living polling of 2167 Australians between December 8, 2023, and January 7, 2024. This included 714 Queensland residents. It showed Queenslanders are not optimistic about the future, with more than a third fearing their money situation will worsen by this time next year.

Around 30 per cent said their financial situation won't change much, 27 per cent were optimistic that their finances would improve, the rest didn't know what the future held.

When it came to essentials such as fuel, groceries, and rent/mortgage payments, less than 25 per cent of Queensland respondents reported having great difficulty affording these.

Most described experiencing only some difficulties with these necessities, while more than 25 per cent of Queenslanders reported having no problems affording them.

There was a dramatic shift for holidays and other luxury items. Almost half of Queenslanders reported having great difficulty affording a holiday or said they were trying to avoid this expense altogether.

One-third said they were experiencing some difficulty finding the money for a getaway, while about 15 per cent had no affordability issues.

Demos AU head of research George Hasanakos said with nine months to the state poll, the new Miles Labor government should be concerned by these figures. "Simply put, for groceries and petrol, people are trying to cut costs. For holidays and luxury items, there's a lot more abstaining," he said.

"Seven out of 10 Queenslanders report having at least some difficulty or attempt to cut costs when paying for groceries and petrol.

"The belt is tightened even more for holidays and luxuries, with over eight in 10 of Queenslanders either having at least some difficulty or limiting these expenses.

"In inner city areas, nationally, 35 per cent of respondents expect things to improve, compared to 25 per cent in outer metro areas and 20 per cent in the regions."

COST OF LIVING POLL RESULTS

View on finances in the next 12 months:
36% think it will get worse
30% think it won't change
27% think it will improve
7% don't know

Level of difficulty paying rent/mortgage:
64% in some difficulty
21% in great difficulty
15% in no difficulty

Difficulty affording groceries:
59% in some difficulty
29% in no difficulty
12% in great difficulty

Labor candidate vows to abolish council's Olympic committee

Toby Crockford

Two months before the Brisbane local government election, Labor has vowed to cut the council Olympic advisory committee and ruled out doing deals with the Greens.

But there was less clarity on where Labor lord mayoral candidate Tracey Price stands on the Gabba and RNA Showgrounds rebuild, which are under review by the state government. LNP Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner is firmly against the Gabba revamp and believes the RNA renovation should be independently overseen. He also ruled out any deals with the Greens.

Ms Price announced on Sunday she would abolish the council Olympic advisory committee and redirect the $250,000 annual cost towards improving women's facilities at local sport clubs.

Council Opposition Leader Jared Cassidy has sat on the committee.

"I've been absolutely amazed as to what has gone on since then and what we have found out about why the Olympic committee was set up in the first place," he said.

"It was a dodgy backroom LNP deal to give Deputy Mayor Krista Adams a plum job. She has done absolutely nothing to get this city ready for the Olympic Games." Ms Price, who visited Zillmere Eagles AFL club in Brisbane's north on Sunday, said the committee cost would be far better invested in the community.

"There are community sporting facilities across our city who need upgrades," she said.

"Some clubs don't even have female changerooms and we see females getting changed in their cars, they use the male toilets, or use the backrooms. This is completely unacceptable. We have the 2032 Olympics coming here."

Ms Price would not commit to a position on the proposed Gabba and RNA Showgrounds rebuilds as part of the 2032 Olympics plan.

"The state government is currently doing a review on all of that infrastructure and the stadium rebuild," she said. "I will have a position ... but I want to see what the review brings."

But she has decided on a stance in terms of potential deals with the Greens if Labor wins minority government in the March elections.

"I'm not making any deal with the Greens," she said.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner said he has ruled out any minority government deals, but believes Labor and the Greens will do a deal.

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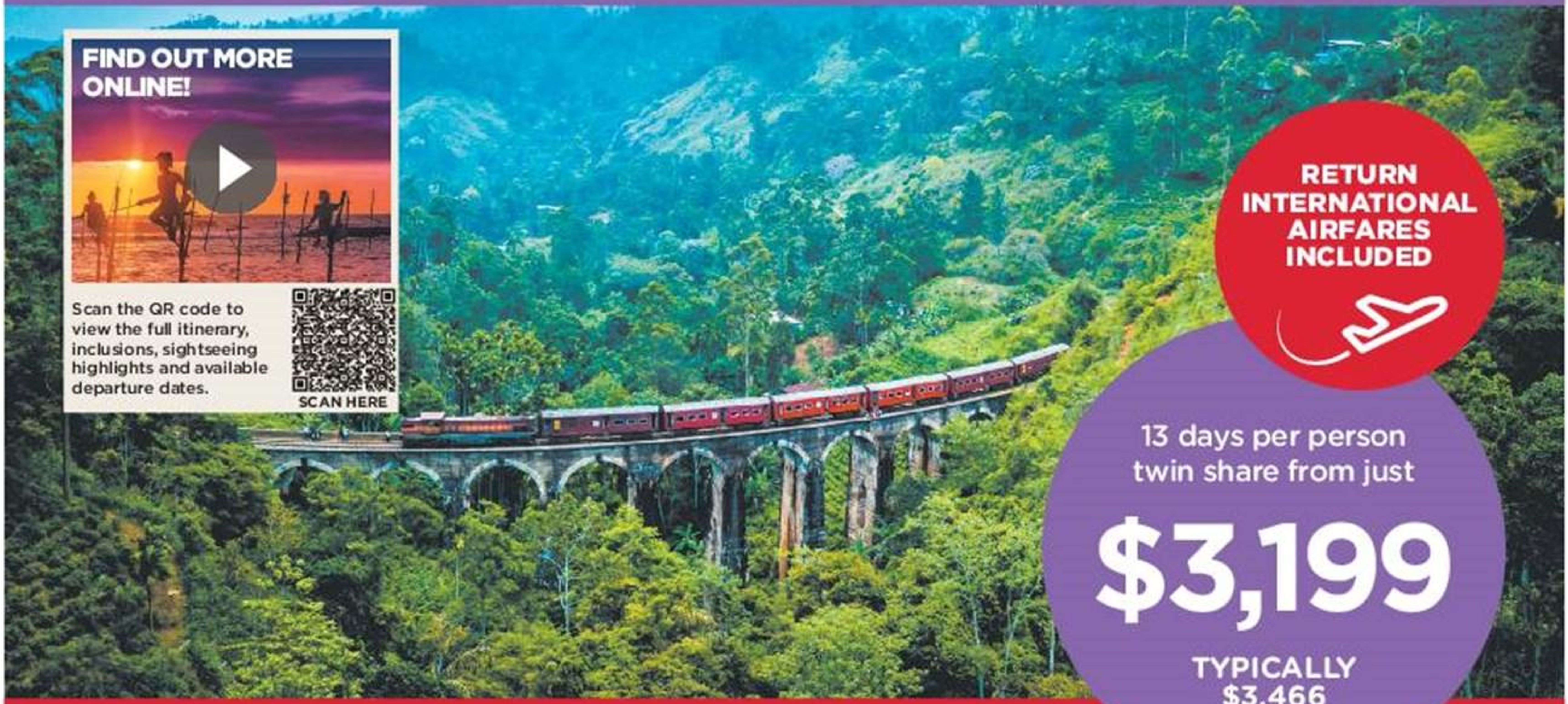

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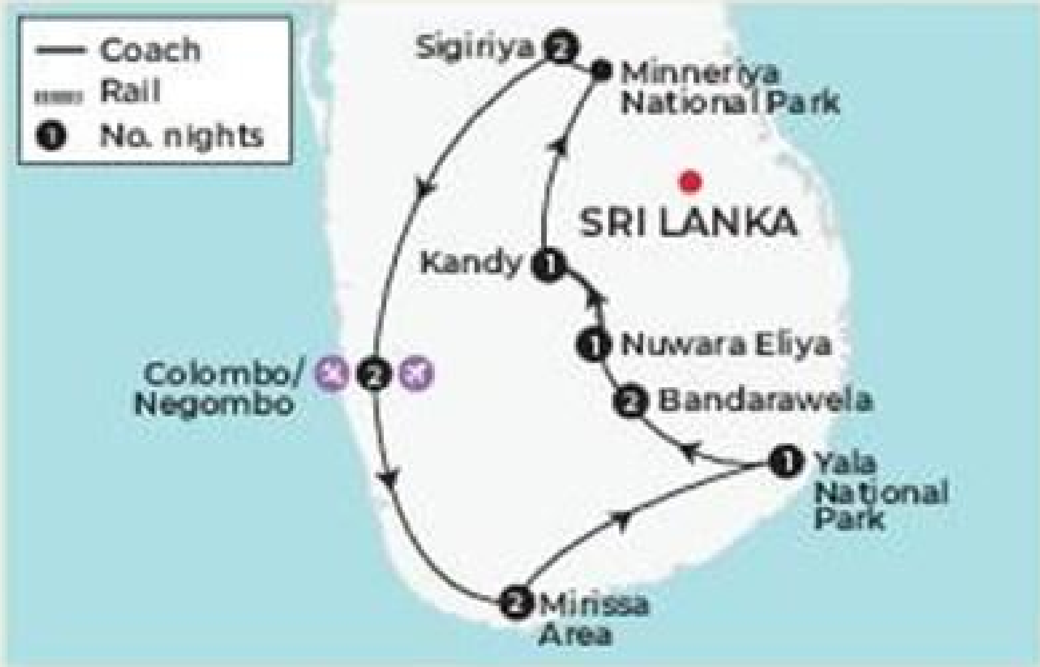

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Drivers get slugged twice

Blunder as human error causes duplication of 16,000 rego notices

Stephanie Bennett

More than 16,000 Queenslanders have been issued duplicate vehicle registration notices in an embarrassing blunder, forcing Transport and Main Roads to cough up an estimated hundreds of thousands of dollars in refunds.

An error in October saw duplicate vehicle registration notices sent out, with 967 Queenslanders promptly paying their bills.

But the October 21 notices had already been mailed on July 21, with the Department of Transport and Main Roads saying an error at a mail house vendor contracted by the department resulted in 16,401 customers being incorrectly billed.

"(TMR) has proactively engaged with these customers and automatically refunded over 95 per cent prior to the end of November 2023," a spokeswoman said.

But with some customers paying their bill through Australia Post, the department has been unable to automatically refund the additional 5 per cent – about 45 customers – who have now paid their vehicle registrations twice.

"TMR continues to proactively engage with any outstanding customers to prompt them to take action to have the matter resolved," the spokeswoman said.

The department did not answer questions on how much money had to be refunded, but with a basic annual vehicle registration more than $700, it was estimated it could have been more than half a million dollars.

Newly appointed Transport Minister Bart Mellish – who replaced embattled minister Mark Bailey during the December ministerial reshuffle sparked by the resignation of Annastacia Palaszczuk – said "human error" was to blame.

Mr Mellish said TMR had undertaken an immediate review of the incident and had received assurances from the third-party provider that "measures were in place to ensure this disappointing error would not happen again".

In September, Mr Bailey was forced to apologise when nearly 2000 drivers were incorrectly given double demerit points through the government's camera-detected offence program over almost two years.

LNP cost-of-living spokeswoman Deb Frecklington said it was unacceptable so many Queenslanders had "received a bill from the government they didn't have to pay" and accused the government of seeking to "blame others".

"Queenslanders just want to know the bills they're getting are real," she said.

Minister for Transport and Main Roads Bart Mellish.

Sarah Snook and Elizabeth Debicki.

Big Emmy hopes for Aussie duo

Australian stars Sarah Snook and Elizabeth Debicki will be hoping to add Emmy Awards to their recent Golden Globe wins for Succession and The Crown respectively.

Snook is nominated for outstanding lead actress in a drama series for her celebrated performance in the critically acclaimed drama Succession.

She is up against Melanie Lynskey (Yellowjackets), Bella Ramsey (The Last of Us), Elisabeth Moss (The Handmaid's Tale), Sharon Horgan (Bad Sisters) and Keri Russell (The Diplomat).

Debicki is in line for supporting actress in a drama series.

She faces The White Lotus's Jennifer Coolidge, Meghann Fahy, Sabrina Impacciatore, Aubrey Plaza and Simona Tabasco, as well as Rhea Seehorn (Better Call Saul) and J. Smith-Cameron (Succession).

The 75th annual Emmy Awards will take place on Tuesday Australian time.

Brisbane Lions players Lachie Neale, Dee Heslop and Sophie Conway at CorePlus West End. Picture: Richard Walker

Hard core brawn tops the sporting Lion up

Brisbane Lions players will incorporate pilates into their regular training regimen in 2024, as a popular Melbourne studio opens its first Queensland location.

The new West End location will be the first interstate studio for CorePlus, which has developed a strong following in Victoria.

CorePlus will offer reformer pilates and several types of hot yoga, including hot strength cardio classes.

Brisbane Lions co-captain Lachie Neale said he was keen to incorporate pilates to his training regimen.

"Pilates helps with strength, flexibility and recovery in a way that compliments our regular training schedule," he said.

"Pilates is not only good for physical health, but also mental health, which is so important to be nurturing throughout the season. CorePlus Studios is huge in Melbourne and I am excited to see it launch in Brisbane."

AFLW Brisbane Lions player Dee Heslop said she was excited to add a new element to her fitness goals.

"I cannot wait to officially commence my pilates journey and also give the yoga classes a try. Pilates and yoga are something that I am trying to focus on during my off-season so that I will be strong and ready for the 2024 AFLW season," she said.

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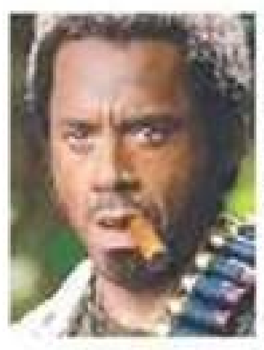
Downey defends blackface

Hollywood star Robert Downey Jr has defended his 2008 comedy Tropic Thunder, in which he played a method actor wearing "blackface".



Speaking to fellow actor Rob Lowe on his podcast Literally, Downey Jr blamed a "clickbait addition to grievance" for the outrage over the film, which he maintained was meant to criticise tropes in Hollywood at the time.

"The spirit that (Ben) Stiller directed and cast and shot Tropic Thunder in was, essentially, as a railing against all of these tropes that are not right and (that) had been perpetuated for too long," he said.

The actor went on to question the "clickbait addiction to grievance that (people seem) to have with everything these days."

Downey Jr continued: "There used to be an understanding with an audience, and I'm not saying that the audience is no longer understanding – I'm saying that things have gotten very muddied."

In a 2020 interview with Joe Rogan, he said: "90 per cent of my black friends are like, 'Dude, that was great'."

CROC SIGHTINGS

Traeger MP Robbie Katter is among those leading the call.

EXCLUSIVE

Jeremy Pierce

Queensland experienced a record number of crocodile sightings last year, further stirring up the debate over whether there should be a cull of the fearsome predators lurking in waters of the state's north.

According to data from the Queensland Department of Environment, Science and Innovation, there were 1216 saltwater or estuarine crocodile sightings reported in 2023, beating the previous record of 1185 set in 2021.

The numbers are a huge increase on a decade ago, when there were just 336 sightings reported to the department.

However, a department spokesman said an increase in sightings did not necessarily mean a surge in crocodile numbers, as the advent of mobile phone apps and online portals made it easier to report sightings and there was no way to distinguish whether a single crocodile may have been sighted or reported on multiple occasions.

Outback Queensland politicians Bob and Robbie Katter have long been vocal in calling for a cull of the apex predators, with calls growing louder after the death of Laura pub owner Kevin Darmody in a crocodile attack last April.

It followed a number of close encounters between humans and crocs in the state's north, while several pet dogs were also taken by crocodiles.

There have been four other fatal attacks on humans in Queensland in the past seven years, including the death of fisherman Andrew Heard off Hinchinbrook Island in 2021.

Under Queensland law, crocodiles remain a protected species, with the reptiles only euthanised as a last resort in special cases. About 50 crocs were relocated last year, with six euthanised.

There has also been a push to allow the harvesting of crocodile eggs as a way to control populations, but according to DESI, no eggs were collected last year.

The number of crocodiles removed from Queensland waterways last year (48) was lower than in the several previous years, with almost half (22) occurring in the Cairns region while nine were removed from waters on the Cassowary Coast near Innisfail.

Traeger MP Robbie Katter said it was "absurd" that crocodiles could not be culled despite the growth of populations and the danger posed.

"You can cull pigs, wild dogs, kangaroos, we've even had culls of koalas in Australia, but a man-eating animal that threatens our lives, you can't touch," he said.

He called on Queensland to look to the Northern Territory, where crocodiles in proximity to Darwin are culled.

"We could do that around Cairns and five or so other centres in the north and it would still only represent a fraction of the total crocodile population.

"Everyone in north Queensland has been saying loud and clear for years now that there needs to be something done."

However, Queensland Environment Minister Leanne Linard said culls were not on the agenda.

"(We) are committed to managing estuarine crocodiles in a way that protects the public while enabling the continual survival of these iconic animals in the wild," she said.

"I am aware of calls to cull crocodiles, but we are not considering this.

"Attempting to remove all crocodiles from a particular section of crocodile habitat does not make that area safe.

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2013	336	36
2021	1185	52
2022	890	57
2023	1216	48

* Data from Department of Environment, Science and Innovation for all Queensland not just areas known to be 'Croc Country'

QUEENSLAND CROCODILE REPORTS 2023	SIGHTED	REMOVED	EUTHANISED
Cairns Regional Council	170	22	
Douglas Shire Council	92	1	
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	125	9	
Mackay Regional Council	92	2	1
Rockhampton Regional Council	63	1	
Cook Shire Council	77	3	3
Townsville Regional Council	164	2	1
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	150	6	
Livingstone Shire	54		
Whitsunday Regional	60		

"Crocodiles are a highly mobile species capable of travelling many kilometres in a day, and more crocodiles are likely to move into the area, without necessarily being seen.

"Culling crocodiles in an area may create a false sense of security in the community, leading to people believing they no longer need to behave in a crocwise manner and placing themselves at increased risk of a crocodile attack."

In 2021, Queensland's estuarine crocodile management program was reviewed by an Independent Expert Evaluation Committee – chaired by Queensland's Chief Scientist, Professor Hugh Possingham.

The committee described the department's crocodile population monitoring work and other scientific research on crocodiles as "world class".

People are encouraged to report all crocodiles to DESI by using the QWildlife app, website or by calling 1300 130 372.

Rescue crews on scene at the Coober Pedy mine.

Man hurt in 30m mine fall

Eva Blandis

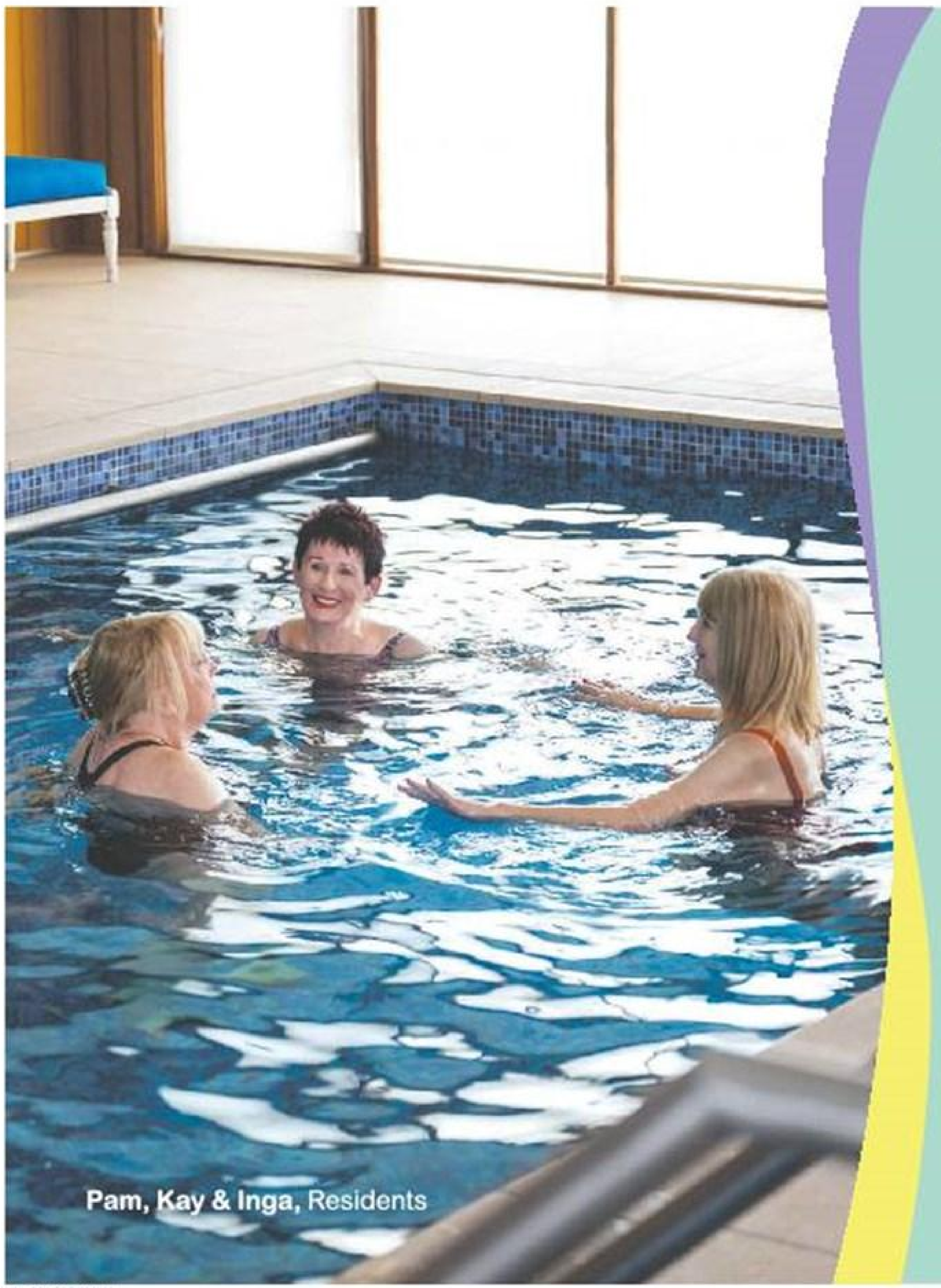
A man is in hospital with several injuries after he fell down a 30m mine shaft in Coober Pedy on the weekend.

Emergency services were called to the opal mine just before 8pm on Saturday after reports a man had fallen down the shaft.

After a three-hour rescue effort, the man was taken to the Coober Pedy Hospital before being transferred by the Royal Flying Doctor Service to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. He is understood to be in a stable condition and receiving treatment for a dislocated shoulder and fractured leg.

A post by the Coober Pedy CFS brigade said seven volunteers worked to rescue the man.

"It shows that in our remote opal mining town that all services can team up together for a great outcome," the post read.



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Boggo Road hub to act as a catalyst for attracting world-class researchers and entrepreneurs, writes Stephen Nadin

The new 480m pedestrian and cycle bridge under construction, immediately south of the new Boggo Road station entrance.

Boggo Road is set to become South East Queensland's second busiest transport interchange and provide a gateway to a world-class health, science and education innovation precinct.

Only Roma Street will be a busier hub when the Cross River Rail project is completed.

Transport Minister Bart Mellish said Cross River Rail would transform travel to, through and from Brisbane, and the new underground station at Boggo Road would be a vital part of that.

"The new Boggo Road station will be a crucial interchange hub, connecting to existing bus and train options, as well as Brisbane Metro," he said.

"While most people will use the station to change between various transport modes, the opportunity it presents for the wider precinct means it will also become a destination in its own right.

"Sitting at the heart of the Boggo Road innovation, health, science and education precinct, the new underground station will enable future development, helping to attract world-class researchers and entrepreneurs.

"The station and new cycle and pedestrian links will make it easier for locals to get to school, university and the CBD via the other Cross River Rail stations."

Boggo Road is one of four new underground stations being built as part of Cross River Rail with services expected to start in 2026. More than 22,000 people are expected to use the new station each weekday by 2036.

High-frequency rail services will benefit thousands of people who travel regularly to the precinct.

It will make travel to the Ecosciences Precinct, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Translational Research Institute, Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence or the multiple University of Queensland and Queensland University of Technology facilities easier.

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Closures allow for key work

Stephen Nadin

Dutton Park station's bridge under construction.

People will soon have easier access to Princess Alexandra Hospital, with upgrades to Dutton Park station underway as part of the Cross River Rail project.

Extended track closures come to an end on Thursday which has allowed for about 500 workers to make significant progress in safely completing critical works and complex engineering.

Cross River Rail Delivery Authority chief executive Graeme Newton said it was not possible to make the improvements while trains were running.

"A huge amount of work has been happening while tracks have been closed over the quieter December and January period," he said.

"This includes some really significant feats of engineering in the rail corridor that can only happen while trains aren't running.

"Two massive pieces of a new pedestrian overpass at Dutton Park were craned into place, with a combined weight of almost 45 tonnes.

"This mammoth task meant not only were trains unable to run, but the street next to the station had to temporarily close to fit the crane in."

Mr Newton said the patience of the local community was appreciated while the work was carried out.

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SEE THE DUTTON PARK STATION OVERPASS TAKING SHAPE

"The new overpass will make it easier for locals and people accessing the PA Hospital to get around, including those with mobility needs, such as people in wheelchairs or parents with prams," he said.

Dutton Park station is receiving a full accessibility rebuild as part of Cross River Rail works. The first segment of the overpass – 16.8m and 20.4 tonnes – took about six-and-a-half hours to lift and install, while the second segment – 20.3m and 24.1 tonnes – took about five hours.

The segments were lifted into place by a 500-tonne capacity mobile crane with the size of the crane meaning Noble St next to the site had to be closed.

Further work on the overpass will continue in the first half of this year, including installation of stairs and lifts.

The overpass will be a key component of the complete rebuild of Dutton Park station and will connect Noble St and Annerley Rd.

The completed station will be about 200m south of its existing location to make way for Cross River Rail alignment and improve station geometry to reduce the gap between the platform and trains.

A render showing the exterior of the new Boggo Road station, built as part of the Cross River Rail project.

BOGGO ROAD STATION FAST FACTS

- Boggo Road will be the first station passengers will reach when travelling through Cross River Rail's southern tunnel portal, and will be the shallowest of the four new underground stations.
- Work has been taking place in a confined inner-city area meaning unique construction methods have had to be used.
- Everything used for the station construction including equipment and materials has had to be craned down into the station box.
- Materials include 230 precast concrete trusses – each 20m and weighing up to 70 tonnes – to complete the station's mezzanine level.
- About 17,000 tonnes of concrete – 41,000 cubic metres, equivalent to 16 Olympic swimming pools, and 16,000 tonnes of steel, more than twice the Eiffel Tower's 7300 tonne metal frame, is being installed for the permanent station.
- About 100km of post tensioning strand has been used through the concrete trusses, which have been tensioned on site.
- The station also includes 19,000 tonnes of precast concrete elements.

station, Boggo Road busway, Princess Alexandra Hospital bus station and new Brisbane Metro services.

Boggo Road will also be a key interchange for Queensland Government's new rail services for changes between Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast through Cross River Rail's new twin tunnels.

It will also be a key interchange for Cleveland to Ferny Grove, which will use the current above-ground rail lines.

The new station at Boggo Road will mean easier access to the CBD for workers, visitors and residents, with trains running direct to the new Albert Street station.

UQ students will have new options to reach the St Lucia campus thanks to Boggo Road busway services.

Cross River Rail Delivery Authority chief executive Graeme Newton said the importance of Boggo Road station as a crucial interchange hub had been factored into its design, which allowed passenger routes through the station to be as direct as possible, minimising "cross flows" where people heading towards and away from trains may get in each other's way.

"The location of ticketing machines and information displays and wide access gates will also contribute to the free flow of passengers, particularly during peak times," he said.

"The main entrance itself was designed with the station's role as a key interchange point in mind, opening out towards other transport options, including Park Road train station and the Boggo Road busway station."

The north-facing entrance will be accessible via a plaza at the corner of Boggo Rd and Joe Baker St.

There will be 14 escalators and two passenger lifts to take people to and from the station's 220m platforms, set about 19m below ground. The station will also provide students with access to the new Brisbane South State Secondary College.

Mr Newton said construction would also unlock opportunities for new development, leaving behind multiple developable land lots.

"As the anchor of the Boggo Road Priority Development Area, the station will help the innovation precinct continue to grow, supporting even more jobs in health, science and education," he said. "This is why as part of Cross River Rail works, a new 480m-long pedestrian and cycle bridge is also being built, immediately south of the new Boggo Road station entrance.

"The bridge will cross existing above-ground freight and passenger rail tracks, connecting the new underground station, Park Road station, Boggo Road busway and Ecosciences precinct on one side, with the PA Hospital precinct on the other."

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ALP braces for swing in Inala

Opposition slams by-election delay

Hayden Johnson

Labor insiders are bracing for a swing against the government in Inala amid heavy criticism for leaving the "jewel" of its heartland without a local member for several months.

Inala, the safest seat in Queensland with a 28.2 per cent two-party margin to Labor, will be left vacant for two-and-a-half months following Annastacia Palaszczuk's resignation on December 31.

The state government is expected to ask the Governor to issue the writ for the Inala by-election to be held on March 16 to coincide with the local government elections – with holding the two polls concurrently to save costs.

It will, however, leave the multiculturally diverse community of some 65,000 people without a local member of parliament for several months.

Manager of Opposition Business Andrew Powell called for the by-election to be held immediately and argued Ms Palaszczuk's early exit was indicative of a "disrespectful and arrogant" state government.

Margie Nightingale

"Because they're in chaos and crisis, they don't care their historical heartland will not have their voices represented for the first quarter of the year," he said.

"We will return to parliament and the seat of Inala – the jewel in Labor's decaying crown – will be empty."

Deputy Premier Cameron Dick dismissed the comments, noting he and other government ministers were available to Inala electors.

"There are electorate staff still discharging their duty, all ministers are working hard to support constituents out there with any requests for help or assistance so the electorate is still being supported," he said.

Mr Dick declined to say whether the government was anticipating a swing against it, declaring once the date was known "then we'll worry about the campaign".

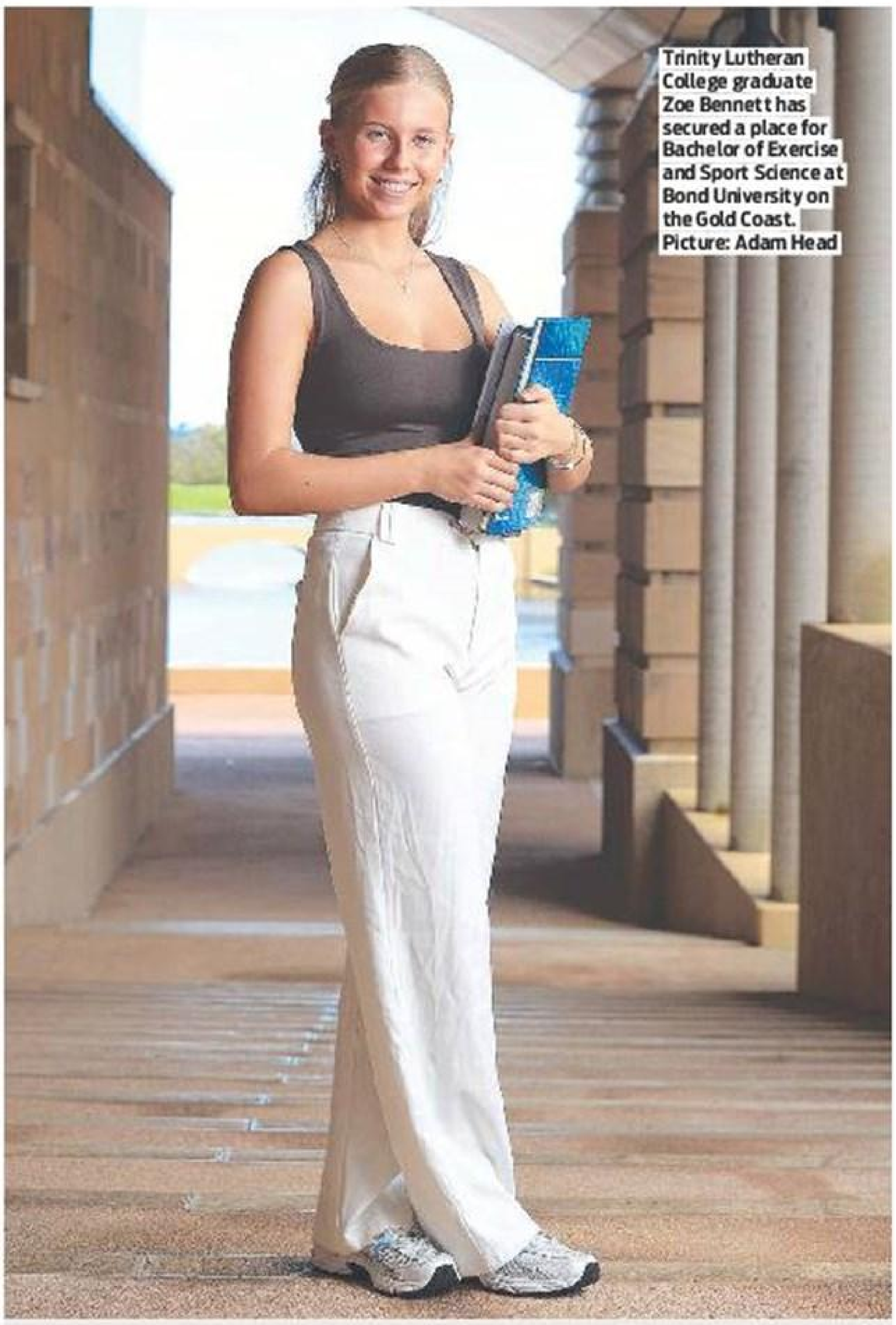
Margie Nightingale is the frontrunner to be the government's candidate in the by-election, which is almost certain to be won by Labor.

The party's first preference vote percentage has consistently reached the high 60s, with the exception of the 2012 wipeout when it fell to 46 per cent.

Experienced Labor operatives expect a swing against the party – noting by-elections to replace exiting premiers Daniel Andrews in Victoria and Mark McGowan in Western Australia resulted in double-digit moves against Labor.

A double-digit swing to the LNP would create some concern within the Miles government seven months out from a general election, but the opposition is playing down the chance of such an event.

Ms Palaszczuk is thought to be prepared to help Labor during the by-election campaign, but the extent of her involvement is yet to be decided.



Trinity Lutheran College graduate Zoe Bennett has secured a place for Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science at Bond University on the Gold Coast. Picture: Adam Head

Uni offers on way

Toby Crockford

The bulk of university offers should land in Queensland's year 12 graduates' inboxes on Monday, after the tertiary authority delayed the entire release by four days last week because they were not ready.

Universities across the state report their January offers are dominated by high interest in courses on Teaching, Engineering, Paramedicine, Nursing, and the Sciences.

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre announced the delay to the largest annual offer round via email to students and universities late on Wednesday after inquiries by The Courier-Mail.

QTAC later blamed the rescheduling of thousands of offers on a complex new application processing system and tight timeframes, assuring frustrated students the maximum number of offers will go out on Monday.

Trinity Lutheran College graduate Zoe Bennett, 18, has already secured a place in a Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science at Bond University on the Gold Coast.

She accepted an early offer in September, which came prior to her external exams and took all of the pressure off those final tests. But she has friends hit by the uncertainty.

"(They) are waiting for offers this round, and all I feel I can do is support them," she said.

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US sends 'message' to Iran on Houthis

SANAA: The US launched fresh strikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen as President Joe Biden said he had delivered a "private message" to Iran about its links to the group.

The strikes came a day after US and British forces hit scores of targets in Yemen, heightening fears that Israel's war with Palestinian Hamas militants could engulf the region.

The Houthis, who say they are acting in solidarity with Gaza, have carried out missile and drone attacks on what they deem Israeli-linked shipping on the key Red Sea trade route.

Joe Biden

Iran is suspected of supplying the Houthis with weapons and intelligence, but Tehran denies involvement. Nevertheless, Mr Biden said his government had given Iran a message.

"We delivered it privately and we're confident we're well-prepared," he said.

US Central Command said its forces attacked a Houthi radar site early on Saturday as "a follow-on action" related to the previous day's strikes.

A Houthi-allied military source said a site on the outskirts of the Red Sea port city of Hodeida which the rebels used to launch a rocket was hit.

The Houthis' official media earlier said Al-Dailami airbase in Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa had been struck in the latest bombardment.

Rebel forces in north Sanaa had shut the area around the airbase and only residents with permits from neighbourhood chiefs were allowed to enter.

UN special envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg urged "all involved" to avoid actions that would endanger maritime trade and "fuel regional tensions at this critical time".

Mr Grundberg noted "with serious concern" the impact of the "increasingly precarious regional context" on Yemen and called for diplomacy to be prioritised.

Britain, the United States and eight allies - including Australia - said strikes on Friday aimed to "de-escalate tensions", but the Huthis vowed to continue their attacks.

Hamas 'targets' Europe

Mossad foils plot to attack Israeli embassy in Sweden

TEL AVIV: A Hamas terror plot targeting Israel's embassy in Sweden and Jewish sites in Europe has been thwarted by Israeli intelligence agencies Mossad and Shin Bet, according to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The network, allegedly orchestrated by Hamas commanders in Lebanon, had plans for more attacks in Europe, involving the acquisition of drones and collaboration with European criminal organisations, Israel said.

:"Israel had discovered details on theatres of operation, terror targets, and on those involved in carrying out attacks — from Hamas commanders in Lebanon to the last of the attackers in the operational infrastructure," Mr Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

Benjamin Netanyahu

This revelation follows a series of uncovered plots in Europe in recent weeks.

In December, European authorities arrested Hamas cells in Denmark, Germany, and Holland, suspecting their involvement in plotting attacks on Jewish targets.

Danish police found seven individuals linked to a foiled terror attack in December had Hamas connections, confirming Mr Netanyahu's assertion about Hamas expanding its operations into Europe.

"The alleged connection to Hamas confirms that the threat against Denmark is serious, but luckily we have a strong police and intelligence service doing their best to protect us every day," Danish Justice Minister Peter Hummelgaard said.

Meanwhile, Mr Netanyahu doubled down on his vows to defeat Hamas, as the UN marked the 100th day of the war, saying it was "staining humanity".

"The massive death, destruction, displacement, hunger, loss and grief of the last 100 days are staining our shared humanity," the head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, Philippe Lazzarini, said in the Gaza Strip.

And the International Court of Justice in The Hague last week heard arguments in a case launched by South Africa accusing Israel of breaching the UN Genocide Convention.

But Mr Netanyahu insisted no court or military foe could stop Israel from destroying Hamas.

"No one will stop us – not The Hague, not the Axis of Evil and no one else," he said.

"It is possible and necessary to continue until victory, and we will do it," he said, claiming most Hamas battalions in Gaza had been "eliminated".

Health officials in Gaza said recent Israeli strikes killed at least 60 people, while Israel said it struck dozens of rocket launchers that were "ready to be used" in central Gaza.

Sub-zero temperatures and blizzards forced Donald Trump into an indoor 'telerally' in Des Moines as the Iowa caucuses kick off the US election year. Picture: Getty

Election heats up in frigid Iowa caucuses

DES MOINES: Voters will venture into sub-zero temperatures on Monday to kick off the Republican presidential nomination race with the Iowa caucuses, the first major test of whether runaway front-runner Donald Trump is as much of a sure thing as he appears.

With a commanding lead in polls, the ex-president is expected easily to win the Midwestern state's first-in-the-nation vote as he bids to be the Republican standard-bearer against President Joe Biden in November.

But Iowans may have to contend with the coldest conditions in the modern era of presidential election campaigns, with blizzards and a potential wind chill of minus 32 degrees.

Trump and his leading rivals, Nikki Haley and Ron DeSantis, were forced to cancel appearances because of the weather as the threat to the turnout added intrigue to the campaign.

Despite his poll strength, Trump's multiple legal cases still hang over him.

"If DeSantis's massive ground effort, coupled with a recent Haley surge, can drag Trump under 50 percent by several points, that will be the first meaningful sign that Trump can be defeated," said political analyst Alex Avetoom.

Buried alive in landslide

BOGOTA: At least 33 people have been killed in landslides in Colombia, including many who had taken shelter in a house after the road they were travelling on was cut off.

"I deeply regret the death of 33 people in this tragedy, mostly children, according to preliminary reports," vice president Francia Marquez wrote on social media.

Firefighters, soldiers and local residents slogged through deep mud and debris in hopes of finding survivors, while relatives stood nearby.

Many travellers had left their cars to take shelter in a house near the municipality of Carmen de Atrato.

"But unfortunately, a landslide came and buried them," said a local official.

Images on social media showed part of a mountain breaking loose and crashing down onto a line of cars.

Soldiers patrol Ecuador's streets

Hostages freed as chaos reigns

QUITO: More than 40 Ecuador prison officials taken hostage by inmates have been freed, as the country grapples with a brutal campaign of gang terror.

The 24 guards and 17 administrative employees had been released, the SNAI prisons agency said, while 133 guards and three employees continue to be held hostage.

The workers were taken captive after President Daniel Noboa last week launched a military takedown of criminal groups, sparking a deadly confrontation with narco gangs.

The crisis was triggered by the escape from Guayaquil prison of one of the country's most powerful narco bosses, Jose Adolfo Macias, followed by prison riots, hostage-taking and attacks on police.

At least 19 people have died in the violence, including a guard killed on Saturday in clashes with inmates in El Oro near the border with Peru.

According to the latest official report, 859 suspects have been arrested, 25 escaped detainees have been recaptured, five "terrorists" shot dead and 57 kidnapped people have been released.

A chilling video filmed in Machala prison shows the corpse of a prisoner wrapped in plastic thrown into the street from inside the jail.

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EDITORIAL

Let's make up for the false start

Queensland politicians must end nearly three years of dithering and delays to develop a real plan for Olympic Games legacy transport and infrastructure projects.

South East Queensland residents were promised a city transformation when Brisbane was named host city of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, but they would rightly be questioning the process in the two-and-a-half-years since.

No major transport projects have been flagged and the state and federal governments have instead been locked in a public spat over cost blowouts and project priorities.

While the state government is also no closer to deciding what sporting venues hundreds of athletes will use in 2032, more concerning is the warning from public transport advocate Robert Dow about the inability to construct major new transport links in the region.

"To get to a place where we're successful in eight years we haven't got a whole lot of time to build massive new projects – we need to improve what we've got," he said.

"We can't really start building rail lines – we'll be lucky to get the line from Beerwah to Maroochydore.

"We have all these visions and plans but they keep rolling on and we don't seem to get much implemented."

Mr Dow's comments follow those from Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and the Council of Mayors South East Queensland, who are calling for the state government to refocus the Olympic Games to deliver generational transport and infrastructure benefits.

Brisbane's 11-year runway was often celebrated by Annastacia Palaszczuk, but her passion for the Olympic Games did not translate to meaningful action.

We were handed an unprecedented headstart over other Olympic cities, with Sydney only awarded the 2000 Games in 1993, for example.

Instead, Brisbane's four-year advantage to plan the Games will expire in 2025 and without significant political drive there won't be much to show for it.

Of course there will still be seven years before the Brisbane 2032 Opening Ceremony, but fostering big-thinking ideas and turning them into deliverable outcomes will take time.

Mr Dow said relieving transport congestion should be a priority, and pointed to Sydney's massive Metro development as an example of what can be achieved.

"We need better bus routes to connect suburbs, connect properly into the trail, boost the rail frequency and if we do that ... then it becomes much easier to get around on public transport," he said.

As we pointed out in this column last week, The Courier-Mail has been an unflinching supporter of Brisbane's Games since the idea was first floated by local mayors in 2015.

We make no apologies for the support – if done right, the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will deliver a massive return on investment and benefit every Queenslander.

Of course we lament the lost time, but Queensland must now look forward to ensure Brisbane receives the same legacy infrastructure benefits as the comparable cities of Sydney and London.

Demon carries the hopes of a nation

It's hard to believe that it's only two years ago that Queensland's Ash Barty lifted the Australian Open trophy, ending a singles drought that stretched back to Evonne Goolagong in 1977.

With Barty on top of the world and Nick Kyrgios challenging for titles, tennis fans would have been hoping for a return to the glory days of Australian tennis.

They are still waiting.

Shortly after her 2022 triumph, Barty retired. She has since started a family, seems blissfully happy and if she is contemplating a comeback, she's not letting on.

Kyrgios, on the other hand, is being let down by his body – ironic considering that it looked like he was just getting his head together.

Yesterday at Melbourne Park, a procession of eager young Aussies stepped up to try to become Australia's next big thing. Most were sent packing.

So today our one legitimate singles star – Alex de Minaur – will carry the hopes of a nation as he faces off against Canadian Milos Raonic.

The Demon, as he is known, has just broken into the world top 10 rankings for the first time, and has been tipped for a breakout year on the circuit.

Whether he can go all the way like Barty remains to be seen, but two things are certain.

One, de Minaur will chase every ball and will fight to the end – he knows no other way.

And two, Aussie fans will cheer him all the way, for as much as we love a champion, we love a fighter even more.

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Letters

Desperate for a home

A few years ago when I was uncomfortably close to discovering the veracity of the saying that "we are all but one step away from homelessness" a number of well meaning people asked if I had approached the "housing commission".

Trying to explain how long the waiting list was to those who are not struggling is a challenge – currently sitting at 43,074 Queenslanders ("Families face dire social insecurity", C-M, Jan 13).

There is also the misconception that if you are really desperate you will be able to move in now.

The tragedy is that everyone on the social housing list is desperate.

Further, as your Editorial pointed out, many of us are not even bothering to put our names down on the social housing list due to the long wait times.

And while it is great to know that the state government has pledged to commence construction of 14,100 new homes by mid-2027, that doesn't help the homeless now.

Whenever I hear Prime Minister Anthony Albanese telling us that he grew up in Housing Commission I am reminded of the Monty Python "We were so poor" skit.

"A house? You were lucky to have a house! We used to sleep in one room, 26 of us, and half the floor was missing. You were lucky to have a room, We used to live in corridors."

Many a true word spoken in jest.

Carol da Costa-Roque, Wishart

Once again we are reminded of the severe state of the housing crisis.

How is it possible that a country with the low population density of Australia and once known for the Great Australian Dream has created such a housing debacle?

Did we train up enough builders and tradespeople?

Is the private construction industry being stymied?

Has the public housing system been grossly neglected?

Are local councils really trying to make enough suitable land available?

Are state and federal governments really doing all they can?

I believe some moderately quick solutions are available (like setting up some suburbs of multi-room granny flats on suitable vacant land).

However, ultimately there needs to be an iron-clad commitment between local councils, state governments and the federal government to ensure that in the future there is always a substantial buffer stock of housing at any given point in time.

The excess dwellings would eventually get used and so wouldn't go to waste and we would always be comfortably on top of things – anything resembling a "just in time" approach is woefully inadequate.

Michael Westacott, Bayview Heights

LOVE LETTER TO OUR CITY

Trent Dalton and Felix Cameron.

The Netflix adaptation that has just been released of Brisbane writer Trent Dalton's magnificent novel Boy Swallows Universe is a love letter to our fair city ("High hopes hit story will buoy tourism windfall", Jan 13).

The semi-autobiographical nature of Dalton's childhood in 1980s Brisbane is vividly brought to life on the screen.

Although some of the story is dark in its nature it captured a part of our city that I remember as a boy growing up in Brisbane.

I binged the entire series in one go, I laughed, I cried and I was deeply moved by the pain and suffering of Dalton's obvious alter-ego character, precocious 13-year-old Eli Bell, so wonderfully captured by the young actor Felix Cameron.

It is a testament to Dalton's character as a person to emerge from what he endured as a child as an exceptional journalist and author with an equally remarkable way with words.

It is truly inspirational to all those who love his written work.

Well done, Trent, you have put Brisbane on the world map single-handedly with your wonderful words and story.

Paul Henderson, Manly

Ham-fisted attitude

Just a thought about Woolworths refusing to stock Australia Day merchandise ("Aldi joins Woolworths in cancelling Australia Day", Jan 12).

Perhaps soon they will ban all Christmas items, as that surely offends those who are not Christians?

And stop selling ham, because certain religions forbid it?

Carol Pearce, Surfers Paradise

Woolworths and Aldi have decided not to sell Australia Day paraphernalia.

Given that hot cross buns appeared in their stores on Boxing Day that seems to be very hypocritical unless they presume all Australians are Christian.

If so, these buns should be sold during Holy Week to be eaten on Good Friday.

We should all get down on our knees and thank God that we won the lottery of life to be born in or live in the best country on earth, Australia.

Perhaps the cross could be replaced with a map of Australia on these buns.

Catherine Dunstan, Hervey Bay

Opinions are loudly and firmly expressed on Woolworths' lack of patriotism in discontinuing Australia Day stock (Letters, Jan 13).

Post-Voice referendum, we see a kneejerk tendency to assume "inappropriate" political bias.

Corporations are into profit.

Perhaps they are not heartless but concerned about loss and being left with unsaleable items made in other countries.

Responsibly, their priority may be climate change.

Synthetic paraphernalia lasts for the day then is consigned to landfill where it does not break down.

Ros Smith, Middle Park

More damage than good

It was another good column from Des Houghton – true and to the point ("Will Labor trolls hijack election", C-M, Jan 13).

It's a shame Premier Steven Miles didn't retire a few more ministers, which could have given him a slight chance to win the election.

Having several long-time ministers who are not worthy of their portfolios, doesn't do him any justice.

Labor didn't and hasn't any real hope.

They have all fallen on their own swords and have reneged on promises to Queenslanders.

As Houghton says: "Voters gave Labor politicians a lot of power and they have misused it, and comprehensively so."

We cannot keep living with this party in charge. They are doing more damage than good.

Come October, we will still be encountering promises from Labor that we will never see.

Ken Grigg, Warner

Tobacco wars

Every day we seem to read of some violence and destruction involving tobacconists.

It's unlawful to grow tobacco in Australia without an excise licence.

No tobacco has been grown here since 2006.

Growing tobacco was once a significant industry here in Queensland at Mareeba and around Texas and Caboolture.

Many houses are now built on former tobacco farms at Caboolture.

What's happened is that our politicians, no doubt at the urging of the anti-smoking lobby, have criminalised the tobacco industry at the same time as they have relaxed anti-gambling laws.

And they have relaxed laws on the cultivation of marijuana as well.

We know now that we're not going to stop smoking.

Remember Commissioner Terry Lewis and "the sting"?

Well, our clever politicians have given the new age crooks in bikie gangs a chance to operate a protection and smuggling racket in tobacco.

And all our legitimate tobacco and cigarettes are imported adding to the wrong side of our balance of payments.

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Paul Everingham, Hamilton

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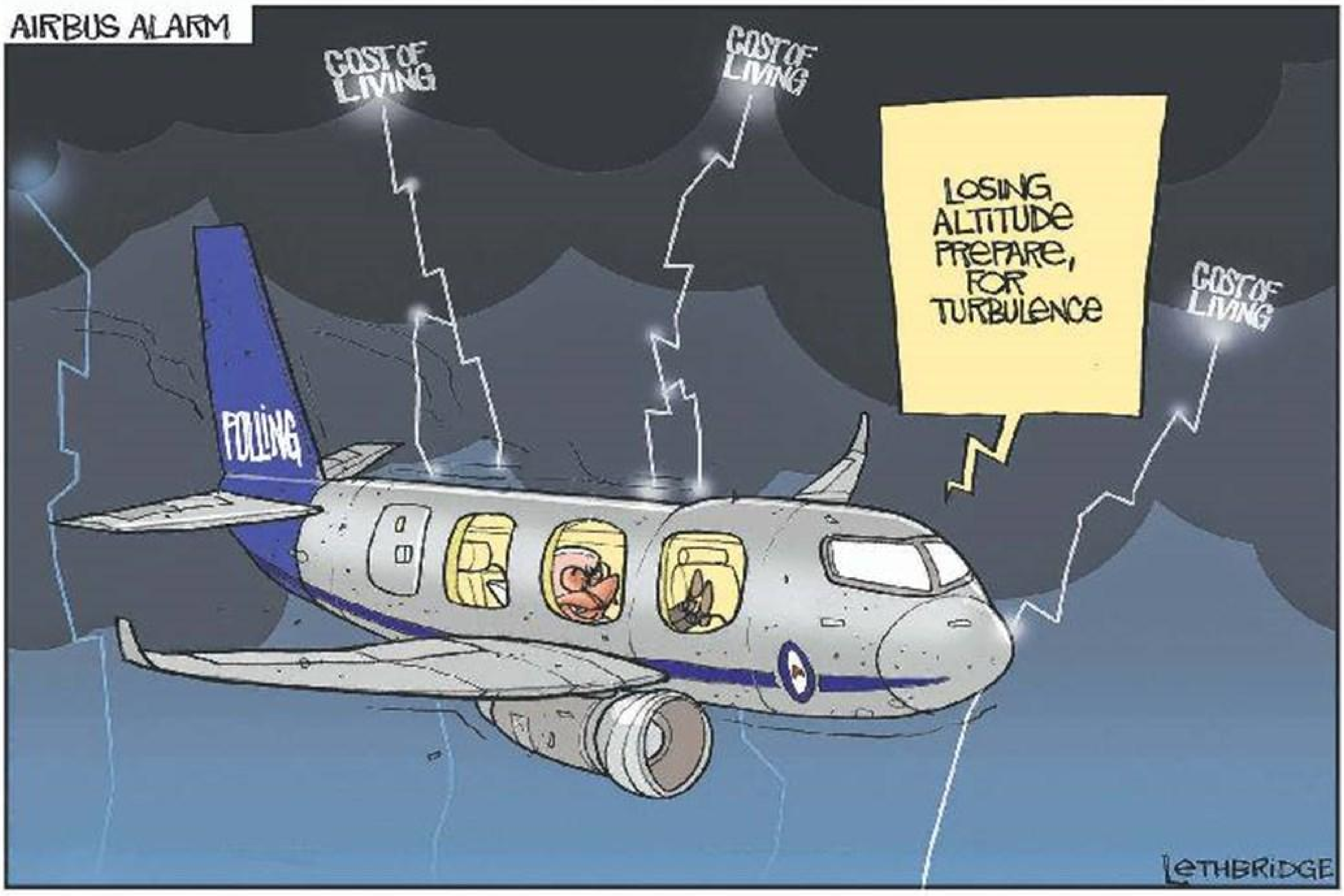

Our position on slippery words has not changed

Clare Armstrong

Tricky language on the stage 3 tax cuts may have worked for Labor so far, but the word games are now doing Anthony Albanese more harm than good.

The Prime Minister was utterly unconvincing last week when he tried to argue there was ostensibly no difference between saying his position on the tax cuts "has not changed" as opposed to giving a "promise" they would be delivered.

The "our position has not changed" line has been Labor's catch phrase on the tax cuts for almost three years, but it is time to retire the phrase and get real with Australian voters.

"Promise", "guarantee", "confirm" – any of those will do – that stage 3 will come into effect on July 1 this year in full, as currently legislated, or be upfront about what is going to change.

If the cuts are unchanged, Labor has little to lose by reaffirming this with unambiguous language.

With the party languishing in the polls with mid-terms blues fuelled by cost-of-living stresses, promising more take-home pay to the majority of working Australians would put Labor on sounder ground to pursue further relief measures for lower-income earners.

The budget has already factored in the inflationary impact of the cuts, as has the Reserve Bank of Australia, and businesses grappling with labour shortages are adamant the change will incentivise people to work more.

Large portions of Middle Australia missed out on assistance at the last budget.

Energy bill relief went to people on welfare, increased childcare subsidies helped families with young children, and cheaper medicines brought relief for people with chronic illnesses.

But for the many millions of people who fall outside these qualifiers, most have just had a year of much higher living costs, soaring mortgages and decreased buying power in part due to income tax bracket creep.

Stage 3, which means no Australian earning up to $200,000 a year will pay more than 30 cents in the dollar tax, helps the very people who believe the government overlooked them last time.

But if the PM continues to keep to the current "nothing has changed" script, the seed of doubt and mistrust in the public's mind will continue to eat into Labor's precious remaining political capital.

The uncertainty stems from the time Labor took to decide its position on the cuts in the first place.

The 2021 decision, along with Labor dumping its poorly received negative gearing changes, was a key moment in Mr Albanese's "small target" strategy to win office.

Though there was not unanimous support in the Labor caucus for stage 3 of the income tax reforms passed in an omnibus bill by the Morrison government, unravelling the proposal was deemed too politically risky, especially from opposition.

From this moment on, whenever asked about the party's support for stage 3, Mr Albanese and his colleagues simply insisted their position had not changed.

Try as it might, the Coalition was unsuccessful in drumming up sufficient fear in the community that this tricky language belied some grand plan to significantly change or even dump the cuts to swing votes.

But with the start date less than six months away, any sign of hesitation from Labor carries more weight.

> “ The budget has already factored in the inflationary impact of the cuts

Despite increased questions about stage 3 being inevitable in the lead-up to the May budget, the PM struggled to keep his cool when pressed on the issue during a breakfast television interview on ABC.

His dogged refusal to "promise" stage 3 would go ahead as planned this close to the expected start date made Mr Albanese look as though he was trying to hide a larger truth.

Repeatedly saying the position has not changed is no guarantee the cuts are coming. What hasn't changed today could well change tomorrow.

Despite Labor's tricky language, no senior member of the government has made a substantive effort to make a public case against stage 3.

Though a Freedom of Information request lodged by Capital Brief found at least two documents exist that relate to departmental advice sought by Treasurer Jim Chalmers on stage 3 – without the contents (that detail was denied by the government) – there's no smoking gun.

If Labor was serious about reigning in, changing or even delaying stage 3, springing it on the voting public at budget time without having built a decent case is a huge political gamble.

There's little to be gained by sticking to a script purely to avoid speculation there was a past time when Labor might have changed tack.

A simple answer is all we want.

Clare Armstrong is national politics editor

We must embrace AI's good

Melissa Wheeler

Emerging technology is often met with fear and panic, based on a misunderstanding of the technology or how it could be creatively used for good.

And, particularly when it comes to AI, humans have an innate and visceral aversion to machines performing human-like tasks.

We make rapid first impressions, or social perceptions, when we meet others, based on how warm they seem and how competent they come across.

These dimensions form the basis of trust. But when it comes to AI, even if competence is easy to detect, warmth is perceived to be so low that is hard for us to establish trust.

Following the launch of ChatGPT in late 2022, we experienced an AI breakout year with new chatbots and generative AI options popping up wherever you looked.

No wonder that educators were concerned over how students would use and misuse such a tool in schools and universities.

The initial reaction from many secondary and tertiary institutions was to enforce a ban, introducing policies and penalties for using any generative AI in student assessments.

Instead of shutting it down, what if educators choose to embrace AI in the classroom?

AI is easily accessible, and with so many free options, it is unrealistic to think that students (and professionals) will not be looking for ways to reduce effort they put in or boost efficiency.

This semester, my MBA students at RMIT will be required to use ChatGPT in their assessment. They will ask a question and critically evaluate the AI-provided answer.

Also, they will explain their level of human intervention. What prompts did they use to get a more relevant and applicable response? And how did they proofread and manually improve the response by using other sources?

By asking students to embrace and contextualise their use of AI, they will be less likely to hide its use or to claim pasted generative AI output as their own work.

Although plagiarism software is getting better at detecting copied generative AI responses, the chatbot developers are also getting better at creating content that cannot be detected.

The breakout year for AI presented a great challenge for educators but also amazing opportunities for those willing to embrace it.

Dr Melissa Wheeler is Senior Lecturer in Business Administration at RMIT University

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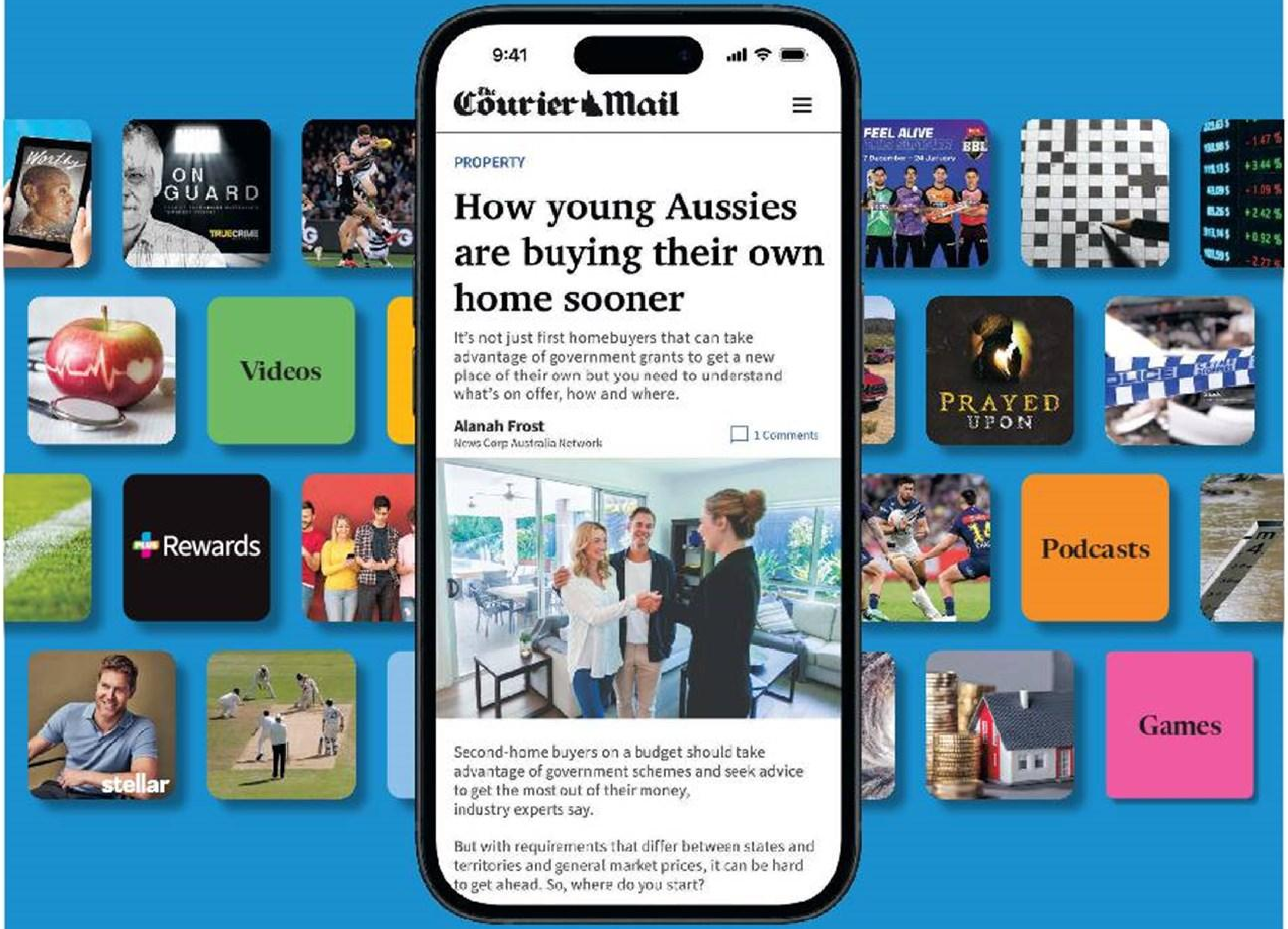

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Alanah Frost
News Corp Australia Network

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1 12.58 STITCH N WEAR EMBROIDERY PLATE EQ1

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	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	66674	**DUSTYIAM** (4) (h)	Ms M Sawa	58.5	83	26.00
2	76942	**LE GAGNEUR** (11)	C Sutherland (a3)	58.5	91	13.00
3	s6383	**SNAKESKIN** (12)	J Molloy (a)	58.5	87	7.50
4	08	**SPHERECRAAFT** (13)	W O'Connell	58.5	85	34.00
5	6s555	**DEE STORMED** (15)	J Guthmann-Chester	57	96	★2.50
6	28s09	**TOTSPUR** (1)	Ms C Eaton	57	100	26.00
7	09	**WHISKY TYCOON** (10)	Ms L Barr (a2)	57	70	51.00
8	0s867	**AKEED'S GIRL** (6)	C Taylor	56.5	76	81.00
9	4s973	**MADAM ROCK** (7)	Scratched	56.5		–
10	96476	**SEVERINE** (9) (h)	K Yoshida	56.5	83	10.00
11	8s3	**TRUST A KITTY** (14)	W D'Avila	56.5	98	8.50
12	9s9	**BRAVE HOSHI** (5)	K H Zechner	55	70	41.00
13	80	**KICKS AND GIGGLES** (2)	Ms G Cartwright	55	78	31.00
14	623s0	**THE LITTLE SPARROW** (8)	Ms T Brooker	55	93	7.50
		EMERGENCY				
15	875s8	**VAIN LUKE** (3) (h)	Ms S Wilcock (a1.5)	58.5	75	101.00

DEE STORMED 1, Snakeskin 2, The Little Sparrow 3, Severine 4

2 1.33 WARWICK SANDSTONE PLATE EQ2

1350m. $22,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	63s74	**ADELATION** (15)	K Yoshida	58.5	88	21.00
2	0	**BETTER EXCEED** (7)	Ms M Sawa	58.5	78	31.00
3	8s905	**MARLEE'S ZANDER** (10)	Ms G Cartwright	58.5	92	26.00
4	0s269	**PRIMARY WITNESS** (12)	J Huxtable	58.5	82	15.00
5	9s480	**TIME FOR JACK** (5)	B Loy	58.5	81	21.00
6		**SMOKE 'N' OAKUM** (1)	C Bayliss	57	87	17.00
7	36452	**SPECIALTIE** (4)	E Chaves	57	97	8.50
8	8	**THE MAGICIAN** (6)	B Appo	57	72	26.00
9	3s373	**LOVE ON DISPLAY** (13)	Ms B Ainsworth	56.5	99	4.80
10	94046	**RED HOT LOVE** (14) (h)	N Tomizawa	56.5	84	21.00
11	387s6	**SMASH IT MADDI** (9)	Jai Williams (a)	56.5	93	6.50
12	6s932	**UNLEASH** (2) (b)	K H Zechner	56.5	100	★2.90
13	s9580	**GYPSY WHITE SOCKS** (8)	Ms T Brooker	55	81	34.00
14	6	**SUMMER READY** (16)	Scratched	55		–
		EMERGENCIES				
15	86377	**RODEO LEGEND** (11)	Ms T Noble (a3)	58.5	88	61.00
16	99097	**ENTERPRISE FUSE** (3) (h)		56.5	74	101.00

UNLEASH 1, Love On Display 2, Smash It Maddi 3, Specialtie 4

3 2.08 CARS MADE EASY EQ3

800m. $20,000. Benchmark 70. Apprentices can claim.

1	0231s	**DREAM WEAVING** (1) (dw)	C Sutherland (a3)	61	95	5.50
2	2009s	**ICED** (2) (tn)	Ms G Cartwright	61	94	26.00
3	13560	**TURBOART** (6) (wn)	J Huxtable	60.5	78	11.00
4	s4422	**POLYLITHIC (NZ)** (7) (wn)	B Loy	60	93	★4.80
5	6166s	**BRING ME KASH** (4) (dw)	Scratched	59		–
6	21111	**HOT OR NOT** (5) (dn)	Scratched	59		–
7	81828	**COPPER SUNSET** (3) (dtcw)	N Tomizawa	55.5	86	18.00
8	7s702	**AMANECER** (8) (w)	Scratched	54		–

POLYLITHIC 1, Dream Weaving 2, Turboart 3, Copper Sunset 4

4 2.48 WESTSIDE SHOPPING CTR PLATE EQ4

800m. $20,000. Class 1 SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	s35s1	**BIG SKY COUNTRY** (3)	Ms E Lang (a)	60	100	★3.20
2	2s121	**CHISUM** (14) (h)	P Hamblin	60	97	5.00
3	673s0	**ELECTRIC** (11) (w)	B Loy	60	81	21.00
4	1s704	**GYPSY TRICKS (NZ)** (9)	L J Miller	60	93	6.50
5	3081	**NOW AND BEN** (7)	J Huxtable	60	85	18.00
6	615s	**BLACK COUNTRY** (13)	Ms S McCann (a2)	58.5	82	34.00
7	43586	**ACIREMA** (15)	Jai Williams (a)	58	84	12.00
8	7s702	**AMANECER** (4) (w)	W D'Avila	58	88	12.00
9	s9416	**ELKA ELEVEN** (1) (n)	Ms G Cartwright	58	82	21.00
10	1	**I'M A TINY DANCER** (10) (dcwn)	K Yoshida	58	87	10.00
11	46360	**STORY OF STELLA** (12) (wn)	J Molloy (a)	58	81	21.00
12	240s7	**BEDAUB** (2)	Ms T Brooker	56.5	92	18.00
		EMERGENCIES				
13	62859	**SHE'S SO VAIN** (6)		58	72	51.00
14	3274s	**WHISTLIN' RULER** (8)		60	84	13.00
15	8804s	**INVANESS** (5)	Ms S Willis (a2)	58	72	51.00

BIG SKY COUNTRY 1, Chisum 2, Gypsy Tricks 3, I'm A Tiny Dancer 4

5 3.28 DARLING DOWNS HARNESS RACING CLUB Q1

1200m. $20,000. Benchmark 60. Apprentices can claim.

1	18435	**PRIVATE BANKER** (8)	Scratched	61		–
2	25237	**ONE REASON** (2) (n)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	60	100	4.00
3	275s5	**DAD'S LAD** (10) (n)	Ms L Barr (a2)	58.5	95	14.00
4	03770	**BOBBY AXELROD** (1) (tw)	T Leslight (a1.5)	58	76	18.00
5	71259	**HEART OF MARBLE** (6) (d)	J Molloy (a)	57	98	8.50
6	14123	**EASY COME** (9) (dwn)	Ms T Noble (a3)	56	96	14.00
7	2605s	**STRYKING PRINCESS** (4) (dnh)	N Tomizawa	56	85	41.00
8	33133	**SEIRYU** (5) (dwn)	Ms T Brooker	55.5	94	5.50
9	65s13	**TATTLE** (3) (dnb)	Ms G Cartwright	55.5	98	★3.20
10	21170	**LICENCED AND READY** (7) (dh)	Ms C Eaton	55	81	51.00
11	61333	**EYE WANTED** (12)	Scratched	54		–
12	70094	**WHISTLE HOFF** (11) (dwn)	K H Zechner	54	92	21.00
13	58080	**WHISTLIN' ARROW** (13) (dw)		54	75	51.00

ONE REASON 1, Tattle 2, Seiryu 3, Heart Of Marble 4

6 4.08 WARWICK HOTEL PLATE DD1 Q2

1100m. $22,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	0336s	**WHYTEEPEE** (9)	J Huxtable	58.5	82	21.00
2		**MICHITA** (6)	Ms M Sawa	57	72	14.00
3		**ROTHSPHENE** (3)	Ms Y Lewis (a)	57	81	15.00
4	s375s	**ROMANTIC THOUGHTS** (19)	N Tomizawa	56.5	93	8.50
5		**TANTALISING** (20)	Ms S Wilcock (a1.5)	56.5	86	18.00
6	224s3	**TIME TO LAUNCH** (18)	Scratched	56.5		–
7	0349s	**TOO MUCH MAKEUP** (7) (h)	W D'Avila	56.5	93	14.00
8	92	**BELEGATO (NZ)** (12)	Scratched	55.5		–
9	22662	**EXCLUSIVE DROP** (10)	T Leslight (a1.5)	55	95	★7.50
10		**JUNGLE LAW** (1)	Ms L Barr (a2)	55	81	14.00
11	38s94	**PRINCESS LUTETIA** (11)	Scratched	55		–
12		**RUBY RED** (14) (h)	Ms T Noble (a3)	55	84	19.00
13		**SHINTARO LASS** (16)	Scratched	55		–
14		**STELLA ENIGMA** (22)	Ms G Cartwright	55	76	8.50
		EMERGENCIES				
15	3s5	**MISTER** (15)	Ms E Lang (a)	57	90	14.00
16	6	**MADAME MOTH** (23)	Ms B Ainsworth	55	83	18.00
17	9s	**GOTEBO** (17)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	58.5	91	14.00
18	0	**LITTLE VAIN** (2) (h)	K Yoshida	58.5	72	61.00
19	9s	**SMOKIN' DE QUO** (21)	C Bayliss	56.5	79	18.00
20	9s6	**MANDALONG HELLCAT** (13) (h)		55	72	31.00
21	55s	**ALL WIN** (5)		58.5	90	14.00
22	7760s	**NORTHWOOD POPPET** (4)		56.5	75	61.00
23	558s7	**WAR HOPE** (8)		58.5	73	51.00

EXCLUSIVE DROP 1, Romantic Thoughts 2, Stella Enigma 3, Mister 4

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (4) Spherecraaft blinkers on first time; (6) Totspur tongue-tie off first time **RACE 2:** (4) Primary Witness blinkers on again, nose roll off first time; (6) Smoke 'N' Oakum pre-race ear muffs on first time, gelded, tongue-tie on first time; (8) The Magician blinkers on first time; (11) Smash It Maddi winkers on first time; (13) Gypsy White Socks blinkers on again, winkers off first time; (14) Summer Ready blinkers on first time **RACE 4:** (1) Big Sky Country gelded, lugging bit on first time; (4) Gypsy Tricks cross-over noseband off first time, tongue-tie off first time; (11) Story Of Stella cross-over noseband on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (12) Bedaub blinkers on again, tongue-tie on again **RACE 5:** (1) Private Banker blinkers off again, winkers on again; (6) Easy Come front pads on again; (7) Stryking Princess nose roll off again; (10) Licenced And Ready blinkers on again **RACE 6:** (1) Whyteepee cross-over noseband on first time, lugging bit on first time, winkers off first time; (2) Michita gelded; (3) Rothsphene near-side bubble cheeker on first time, cross-over noseband on first time, gelded; (6) Time To Launch tongue-tie on first time; (7) Too Much Makeup blinkers off first time, compression hood with ear muffs on first time, ear muffs off first time; (12) Ruby Red blinkers on first time, tongue-tie on first time; (13) Shintaro Lass blinkers off first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time; (14) Stella Enigma tongue-tie on first time; (15) Mister winkers on first time; (16) Madame Moth blinkers on first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time; (19) Smokin' De Quo blinkers on first time; (20) Mandalong Hellcat tongue-tie on first time; (21) All Win pre-race ear muffs off first time, winkers off first time; (23) War Hope dually headcollar off first time, pre-race ear muffs off first time **RACE 7:** (1) Most Dazzling nasal strip off first time; (5) Private Banker blinkers off again, winkers on again **RACE 8:** (8) Five Star Decanter tongue-tie off first time; (12) Bernmark cheekers on first time, tongue-control bit on first time, tongue-tie off first time; (17) Instant Response visors on first time, winkers off first time

7 4.48 SUPPORT CANCER CURE FOR MATT STANDING Q3

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1	s3170	**MOST DAZZLING** (4) (dwn)		63.5	100	7.50
2	41865	**KING OF THE DESERT** (1) (wn)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	61.5	100	15.00
3	65256	**PREPOTENT** (3) (twn)	K H Zechner	60.5	98	★4.20
4	12713	**DEELOSH** (5)		60	99	5.50
5	18435	**PRIVATE BANKER** (7)	B Loy	60	95	8.50
6	21524	**CHARGED** (10) (dwn)	Ms G Cartwright	59	95	12.00
7	321s7	**TAKUNAI** (11) (twn)	Ms R Jamieson	59	86	18.00
8	0s237	**BEAN ROCKING** (6) (w)	J Huxtable	58.5	94	12.00
9	52315	**DREAMSEEKER** (12) (dcwb)		58.5	94	15.00
10	17534	**SPIRIT'S CHARM** (2) (dw)	Ms T Brooker	58	93	16.00
11	13328	**DAZZLING FLASH** (8) (wn)	T Leslight (a1.5)	57.5	87	13.00
12	66348	**BULL DIMPLE RUM** (13) (wnb)	Scratched	56		–
13	72868	**SIR PICCOLO** (14) (dtcw)	K Yoshida	55.5	85	41.00
14	06535	**HERECUM DA DRUMS** (9) (dtcw)	N Tomizawa	54	99	16.00

PREPOTENT 1, Deelosh 2, Most Dazzling 3, Private Banker 4

8 5.25 ENSBEY ELECTRICAL HCP DD2 Q4

1500m. $20,000. Class 2. Apprentices can claim.

1	s5082	**KUBWA** (7)	J Huxtable	60	99	8.50
2	13526	**SUPER DUCK** (15) (hb)	W D'Avila	58	88	6.00
3	90s22	**IRISH SALLY** (10) (n)	K H Zechner	57.5	100	★3.20
4	627s2	**MOUNT ZION** (14) (w)	Ms R Jamieson	57.5	85	8.50
5	155s0	**AMPHAWA** (17) (dw)	Scratched	57		–
6	49617	**ISLA'S DAY** (1) (dw)	Scratched	57		–
7	26604	**DARCHINIAN** (2) (w)	N Tomizawa	56	91	17.00
8	490s5	**FIVE STAR DECANTER (NZ)** (8)	Ms G Cartwright	55.5	87	34.00
9	327s0	**LAWBREAKER** (5)	C Bayliss	55.5	99	12.00
10	79s08	**MONACO DELUXE** (3)	Ms A Donald (a)	55	74	61.00
11	57274	**SCAPINI** (11)	Ms S Champkin (a2)	54.5	90	8.50
12	9s660	**BERNMARK** (9) (d)	Ms E Lang (a)	54	81	26.00
13	12069	**TEMPTRESS KATIE** (16) (w)	C Taylor	54	84	31.00
14	77102	**REDVEDEV (NZ)** (13)	Ms M Sawa	54	84	41.00
		EMERGENCIES				
15	54697	**SINNAMON TOAST** (4)		54	78	61.00
16	7s696	**BETTER CLASS** (6)	Ms H Gillie (a2)	54	84	26.00
17	83489	**INSTANT RESPONSE** (18) (w)	Ms L Barr (a2)	54	81	51.00
18	89759	**FAITHFUL MARYANNE** (12) (wn)		54	81	101.00

IRISH SALLY 1, Super Duck 2, Scapini 3, Mount Zion 4

LEGEND

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6 WARWICK HOTEL PLATE 4.08 1100m

WHYTEEPEE (Troy Pascoe) 5G By Lucas Cranach (GER) - Hide The Silver (8-0-1-2): Keen when 2-3/4 len, 1-1/4 len 3rd of 7 (2) $6.00 56.5 Introvert 1910m Ballina (C1) Heavy(9) Mar 30. Overraced early stages, Weakened near 600m, Tailed off when 32-1/2 len 6th of 6 (1) $14.00 57.5 Jetpack Verdi 2150m Toowoomba Mdn Plate Good(4) Apr 15. Had the benefit of 7-1/2 len 4th of 4 (1) Master Gee 650m Toowoomba Inner (Barrier Trial) Good(4) Jan 5. First-up. Hasn't offered much fresh in the past. Drops in grade but sharp improvement required. Looking elsewhere.

MICHITA (Stephen Kirkwood) 3G By Spill The Beans - Fortunate Four (0-0-0-0): First Start. By Spill The Beans - Fortunate Four. Kicks off without a trial. Forward showing anticipated.

ROTHSPHENE (D J Bougoure) 3G By Rothesay - Sphene (0-0-0-0): Makes debut here after 7-1/4 len 6th of 7 (2) Firebolt 1050m Beaudesert 2,3yo (Barrier Trial) Soft(5) Dec 5. Trials: (1-0-0-0). Failed to make an impression at only trial. Monitor betting moves.

ROMANTIC THOUGHTS (Troy Pascoe) 4M By So You Think (NZ) - Riva Romance (15-0-1-5): Vetted - no abnormalities when 3-3/4 len 7th of 10 (9) $10.00 52.0 Smooth Torque 1310m Ballina Mdn Plate Soft(7) Jul 27. Inconvenienced at start, Inconvenienced near 400m when 2 len 5th of 10 (7) $5.50 54.0 The Right Way 1300m Toowoomba Mdn Good(4) Aug 19. Strips fitter for nk, 3-1/2 len 3rd of 6 (2) Quothquan 925m Toowoomba Inner (Barrier Trial) Good(4) Jan 5. Resuming. Wasn't far away in Maiden company at Inverell first-up last campaign. Has come up with a horror draw. Back to country level. Worth some thought.

TANTALISING (C J White) 4M By Jet Spur - Tantien (NZ) (0-0-0-0): First Start. By Jet Spur - Tantien (NZ). Hasn't officially trialled. Watch betting.

TIME TO LAUNCH (K R Kemp) 4M By Smart Missile - Flion Fenena (4-0-2-1): Began awkwardly, Laid in near 1000m, Poor recovery when 12-1/4 len 4th of 6 (4) $2.40 57.0 Aunty Hazel 1200m Toowoomba 2&3yo Mdn Good(4) Jul 15. Raced wide without cover when 4-1/4 len, 1 len 3rd of 11 (9) $5.50 56.5 Ten Trinity Square 1000m Toowoomba Mdn Good(4) Jan 1. Picked up well from midfield to fill a place at Toowoomba first-up. Will only be fitter. Back to country level. Worth some thought. Scratched.

TOO MUCH MAKEUP (M F Hemmings) 4M By Supido - Inya (6-0-0-1): Began awkwardly when 2-1/4 len 4th of 14 (2) $4.00 56.5 Mordecai 1350m Warwick Mdn Good(4) Aug 24. Took up a midfield position when 5 len 9th of 13 (8) $101.00 55.5 Ready Azz Eva 1350m Doomben Mdn Good(4) Sep 13. Resuming. Easier here and open to improvement. Place preferred.

BELEGATO: Scratched.

EXCLUSIVE DROP (Tony & Maddysen Sears) 3F By Santos - Vintage Drop (2-0-4-0): Wide throughout when 4-1/2 len 6th of 10 (8) $10.00 53.0 Archer's Game 1000m Toowoomba Mdn Good(4) Sep 9. Eased near 800m, Inconvenienced near 400m when 4-1/4 len 2nd of 11 (4) $14.00 53.0 Ten Trinity Square 1000m Toowoomba Mdn Good(4) Jan 1. Turned in an improved performance at Toowoomba first-up. 1.5kg claimer engaged. Will only be fitter. Back to country level. Commands respect.

JUNGLE LAW (D J Bougoure) 3F By Jungle Cat (IRE) - Aristocracy (0-0-0-0): First Start. By Jungle Cat (IRE) - Aristocracy. No public trials. Watch the market.

PRINCESS LUTETIA: Scratched.

RUBY RED (R B Bowen) 3F By Nicconi - Magical Slice (0-0-0-0): Kicks off here after 4-3/4 len 6th of 6 (1) Hydras 925m Toowoomba Inner 3yo (Barrier Trial) Good(4) Jan 5. Trials: (1-0-0-0). Kicks off on home track. Monitor betting moves.

SHINTARO LASS: Scratched.

STELLA ENIGMA (John Thomas) 3F By Encryption - Stella Blonde (0-0-0-0): Readied for debut with 1-1/2 len, 1-1/4 len 3rd of 7 (2) Cryptic Sound 870m Toowoomba Inner 3yo (Barrier Trial) Good(4) Dec 5. Trials: (2-0-0-1). Forward showing anticipated.

MISTER (Pat W Webster) 3C By Choisir - Mist (IRE) (2-0-0-1): Positioned midfield when nk, 1-3/4 len 3rd of 11 (3) $4.40 56.5 Mr Gorman 1000m Goondiwindi 3yo+ Mdn Good(3) Sep 9. Laid out near 400m, Laid in near 100m, Rider told to use more vigour when 5-3/4 len 5th of 11 (2) $31.00 55.5 Ten Trinity Square 1000m Toowoomba Mdn Good(4) Jan 1. Just battled home at Toowoomba first-up. Fitter. Easier here and open to improvement. Place preferred.

MADAME MOTH (J C Smerdon) 3F By Pluck (USA) - Regnant (NZ) (1-0-0-0): Reasonable effort 7-1/2 len 6th of 10 (1) $19.00 56.0 Greyzous 1050m Gold Coast Poly 3yo Mdn Synthetic Nov 18. Since recorded hd win of 7 (7) Madame Moth 1050m Beaudesert 3yo (Barrier Trial) Soft(5) Dec 5. Returning from let-up. Failed to make an impression at Gold Coast Poly on debut. Place appeal only.

GOTEBO (P J Wallace) 4G By Redoute's Choice - Once Were Wild (1-0-0-0): Raced below expectations, Lame when 7-1/2 len 9th of 10 (1) $4.20 58.0 New Level 1200m Terang 3yo Mdn Plate Good(4) Jan 2. Returns from very long spell. Previously trained by M J Ellerton. Place appeal only.

LITTLE VAIN (L J Roche) 4G By Top Echelon - Belwina (1-0-0-0): Began awkwardly when 8-1/2 len 11th of 12 (7) $41.00 57.0 I'm A Tiny Dancer 800m Warwick Mdn Hcp Soft(5) Dec 28. Couldn't show a turn of foot here on debut. Appears tested.

SMOKIN' DE QUO (D R Ward) 4M By Real Impact (JPN) - Aspen Summit (1-0-0-0): Raced Greenly, Raced below expectations, Vetted - no abnormalities when 7 len 9th of 9 (2) $6.50 57.0 Duchess Of Milan 1100m Toowoomba Mdn Good(4) Aug 5. Resuming. One for exotics.

MANDALONG HELLCAT (Warren Munro) 3F By Hellbent - Freedom Belle (2-0-0-0): Hampered at start, Tailed off, Warning - uncompetitive when 17-1/4 len 9th of 9 (7) $31.00 53.0 Give Me Something 1350m Warwick F&M Mdn Soft(7) Jul 6. Balanced up midfield when 9-1/2 len 6th of 10 (2) $15.00 56.0 Now And Ben 900m Texas 2yo+ Mdn Good(3) Dec 9. Freshened. Failed to make an impression at Texas first-up. Not likely.

ALL WIN (M A Currie) 5G By All Too Hard - Secret Status (2-0-0-0): Laid out near turn when 1-1/2 len 5th of 12 (4) $3.90 59.0 Kabalega 1100m Gatton Mdn Good(4) Jan 21. First-up finished 5-1/2 len 5th of 7 (1) $13.00 59.0 Plaintiff's Friend 1200m Murwillumbah E&G Mdn Good(3) Jan 29. Strips fitter for nk 2nd of 6 (3) Quothquan 925m Toowoomba Inner (Barrier Trial) Good(4) Jan 5. Resuming. Previously trained by Allan Chau. One for multiples.

NORTHWOOD POPPET (B Robinson) 5M By Written Tycoon - Poppet's Treasure (GB) (13-0-2-0): Held up on straightening when 4-1/2 len 6th of 9 (8) $61.00 53.0 He's My Warrior 1200m Wagga Mdn Good(4) Sep 16. Kept trying 18-1/4 len 13th of 13 (12) $101.00 53.0 His Honour 1300m Canberra Mdn Soft(6) Oct 6. First-up. Formerly with Andrew Sheahan. Expected to need this outing. Not fancied.

WAR HOPE (T D Gillespie) 6G By Warhead - Midnight Fury (15-0-0-2): First-up finished 10-1/4 len 8th of 10 (5) $61.00 54.0 Hoke's Run 1200m Gold Coast Poly Mdn Synthetic Mar 4. Wide during race, Vetted - no abnormalities when 7-3/4 len 7th of 8 (8) $31.00 52.0 Malarina 1200m Ipswich Mdn Soft(5) Dec 29. Couldn't show a turn of foot at Ipswich first-up. Long time a maiden. Appears tested.

7 SUPPORT CANCER CURE FOR MATT 4.48 1350m

MOST DAZZLING (Indiana Turner) 5G By Red Dazzler - More Than Sharp (12-5-0-2): Posted 1-3/4 len win of 8 (1) $8.00 57.5 Most Dazzling 1200m Toowoomba (Bm65) Good(4) Dec 9. Battled away for 6-3/4 len 7th of 7 (1) $5.50 63.5 Our Red Planet 1000m Sunshine Coast (Bm60) Soft(6) Dec 31. Just battled home in similar grade at Sunshine Coast last outing. Good gate. Back to country level. In the mix.

KING OF THE DESERT (Ben Ahrens) 8G By Moshe - All Going Well (44-5-7-9): Overraced early stages when 9-1/4 len 6th of 8 (6) $15.00 58.5 Most Dazzling 1200m Toowoomba (Bm65) Good(4) Dec 9. Began awkwardly, Blundered near 400m when 2-1/2 len 5th of 9 (9) $12.00 60.5 Sukhbir 1400m Beaudesert (Bm65) Soft(6) Dec 30. Fair effort without threatening at Beaudesert last time out. Place hope.

PREPOTENT (Corey & Kylie Geran) 4G By More Than Ready (USA) - Joy Toy (12-3-2-1): Slowly away when 3 len 5th of 12 (9) $26.00 54.0 Willinga Freefall 1300m Eagle Farm (RsOmw) Good(4) Dec 9. Began awkwardly when 7 len 6th of 9 (7) $9.00 58.5 Moonan Me 1300m Eagle Farm E&G (Bm65) Soft(5) Jan 3. Couldn't show a turn of foot in similar grade at Eagle Farm last outing. Drawn well. Back to country level. Looks one of the main chances.

DEELOSH (Chris Anderson) 5M By Mikki Isle (JPN) - Ardent Command (20-4-4-2): Landed 2 len win of 10 (2) $3.40 58.0 Deelosh 1500m Kilcoy (Bm62) Good(3) Dec 12. Took up a midfield position when 3/4 len, lg nk 3rd of 9 (2) $7.00 55.5 Sukhbir 1400m Beaudesert (Bm65) Soft(6) Dec 30. Finished solidly to place at Beaudesert last start. Each-way.

PRIVATE BANKER (M A Currie) 5G By Capitalist - Air Apparent (13-2-2-2): Laid out early on, Laid in near 100m, Galloped on when 3/4 len, nk 3rd of 8 (1) $12.00 60.0 Porky 1650m Doomben Hcp (C2) Good(4) Nov 15. Reasonable effort 6-3/4 len 5th of 8 (4) $7.50 56.5 Sizzling Gal 1600m Sunshine Coast Hcp (C4) Soft(5) Dec 1. Back from a let-up. Previously trained by Desleigh Forster. Coming off an average run in similar class at Sunshine Coast last start. Back to country level. Worth some thought.

CHARGED (Ms J Crompton) 6G By Better Than Ready - Electric Current (32-5-4-0): Gave good sight hd 2nd of 8 (8) $8.00 56.5 Dreamseeker 1400m Goondiwindi (Bm65) Soft(5) Dec 2. Inconvenienced at start, Inconvenienced near 1200m, Overraced middle stages when 3 len 4th of 9 (2) $12.00 59.5 Midori Fuji 1350m Ipswich Hcp (62) Good(4) Dec 29. Wasn't all that far away at Ipswich last outing. Worth some thought.

TAKUNAI (Jeff Dunn) 6G By Wicked Style (USA) - Karanja (26-4-2-2): Charged home from back half for hd win of 12 (10) $8.50 58.0 Takunai 1540m Gold Coast Poly (Bm58) Synthetic Sep 2. Wide during race when 7-1/2 len 7th of 9 (7) $41.00 59.5 Midori Fuji 1350m Ipswich Hcp (62) Good(4) Dec 29. Failed to make an impression in similar class at Ipswich first-up. One for exotics.

BEAN ROCKING (M A Currie) 5G By Spill The Beans - Kylie's Rocking (14-2-2-3): Held up near 250m when 1-1/4 len 2nd of 11 (6) $7.50 60.0 Russian Mint 1200m Toowoomba Hcp (60) Good(4) Dec 9. Gave good account when lg nk, 2-1/4 len 3rd of 8 (8) $4.00 59.5 Mr Wandji 1350m Warwick Hcp (60) Soft(5) Dec 28. No match for winner but kept boxing away to to place here at latest. Worth some thought.

DREAMSEEKER (Corey & Kylie Geran) 5M By Rubick - Flying Hope (29-5-6-3): Let down nicely for hd win of 8 (7) $5.50 56.5 Dreamseeker 1400m Goondiwindi (Bm65) Soft(5) Dec 2. Reasonable effort 6-1/4 len 5th of 8 (3) $3.30 55.5 Villaden 1400m Chinchilla Open Hcp Soft(5) Dec 16. Freshened. This trip suits. Tough alley. Place hope.

SPIRIT'S CHARM (Dale Groves) 6M By Spirit Of Boom - Love Charm (47-6-9-7): Settled midfield when sht hd, 3-1/2 len 3rd of 9 (9) $3.20 59.5 Louvre Lil 2000m Warwick (Bm60) Soft(5) Nov 22. Overraced early, middle stages, Eased near 600m when 2-3/4 len 4th of 9 (3) $9.50 58.5 Expectant 1500m Warwick (Bm62) Soft(5) Dec 28. Far from disgraced here last start. Place claims.

DAZZLING FLASH (Tony & Maddysen Sears) 5M By Red Dazzler - Rosendahl (26-3-5-7): Overraced early, middle stages when 2 len 2nd of 10 (10) $7.00 56.5 Deelosh 1500m Kilcoy (Bm62) Good(3) Dec 12. Battled away for 10-1/2 len 8th of 11 (7) $7.50 55.0 Tuhinga 1625m Toowoomba (Bm65) Good(4) Jan 1. On the speed but ran out of petrol quickly at Toowoomba last outing. One for exotics.

BULL DIMPLE RUM (Neil Hocking) 6G By Bull Point - Belle Cherie Amour (38-3-4-5): Overraced early stages when 2 len 4th of 8 (7) $61.00 55.0 Sacred Mission 1650m Doomben Hcp (C3) Good(4) Dec 20. Overraced early stages when 6-1/2 len 8th of 10 (10) $3.90 58.5 Decarbonise 1625m Toowoomba Hcp (58) Good(3) Jan 1. Coming off an average run in similar company at Toowoomba last start. Awkwardly drawn. Scratched.

SIR PICCOLO (K J Jones) 7G By Real Saga - Sirindhorn (50-5-4-5): Kept grinding 6 len 6th of 10 (8) $31.00 57.0 Deelosh 1500m Kilcoy (Bm62) Good(3) Dec 12. Began awkwardly when 8-3/4 len 8th of 9 (5) $51.00 57.0 Midori Fuji 1350m Ipswich Hcp (62) Good(4) Dec 29. Lacked a pick-up and only plugged to line at Ipswich last outing. Tough alley. No appeal.

HERECUM DA DRUMS (A J Cowell) 11G By Drumbeats - Honour Happy List (89-11-8-11): Hit line hard in 2-3/4 len, nk 3rd of 11 (6) $41.00 58.0 King Dick 1350m Ipswich (Bm55) Good(3) Nov 12. Sound when 4-3/4 len 5th of 11 (11) $11.00 57.0 Mr Wandji 1350m Ipswich Hcp (58) Heavy(10) Dec 24. Freshened. Old timer. Average effort in the wet in similar company at Ipswich at latest. Generally gets back in races. Place preferred.

8 ENSBEY ELECTRICAL HCP 5.25 1500m

KUBWA (Billy Healey) 4G By Pierro - High Carnae (10-2-1-1): Reared at start, Lost Ground when 4-3/4 len 8th of 8 (6) $12.00 58.5 Ships Ahoy 1300m Sunshine Coast (Bm65) Soft(5) Dec 17. Gave good account when 1-1/4 len 2nd of 9 (1) $20.00 60.0 Charlie's Case 1400m Sunshine Coast Hcp (C2) Soft(7) Jan 5. Turned in an improved performance at Sunshine Coast last time out. Back to country level. Not out of this.

SUPER DUCK (M F Hemmings) 4G By Supido - Holy Duck (15-2-4-2): Kept fighting when 1-1/2 len 2nd of 9 (8) $4.00 55.5 Expectant 1500m Warwick (Bm62) Soft(5) Dec 28. Began awkwardly when 2 len 6th of 10 (10) $2.05 55.5 Awaygoesthebunny 1400m Inverell Hcp (C1) Heavy(10) Jan 1. Fair effort without threatening in the wet at Inverell last start. Usually prominent. Has claims.

IRISH SALLY (Corey & Kylie Geran) 4M By Vancouver - Sallybrook (NZ) (14-2-6-1): Made up late ground for 1-3/4 len 2nd of 9 (4) $15.00 57.0 Sigourney 1300m Toowoomba Hcp (C3) Good(4) Dec 16. Gave good sight 2-1/2 len 2nd of 10 (1) $4.60 57.5 Ozarch 1300m Toowoomba Hcp (C2) Good(4) Jan 1. Ready to win. Settled handy and battled on soundly to fill the minors at latest. Up in distance now. Back to country level. Rates highly.

MOUNT ZION (Jeff Dunn) 6G By Wicked Style (USA) - Mataranka (9-3-2-0): Slowly away when 5-1/4 len 7th of 9 (7) $31.00 59.0 Hadouken 1900m Gold Coast Poly (Bm58) Synthetic Aug 19. Shifted out near 400m when 1-3/4 len 2nd of 10 (8) $18.00 59.0 Badgers Nuts 1400m Beaudesert Hcp (C1) Soft(6) Dec 30. Unplaced at first preparation but turned in an improved run at Beaudesert first-up. Has had success second-up. In the mix.

AMPHAWA: Scratched.

ISLA'S DAY (Diane Murphy) 6M By Domesday - Jet Lizzie (16-2-4-2): Battled away for 2-1/2 len 6th of 10 (8) $15.00 56.0 Martedi 1350m Ipswich Hcp (C1) Heavy(8) Nov 29. Knuckled down well to score 1-1/4 len win of 13 (8) $8.50 57.0 Isla's Day 1526m Lismore (Bm58) Soft(7) Dec 22. Freshened. Dug deep to salute at Lismore last time out. Drawn to effect. Scratched.

DARCHINIAN (Troy Pascoe) 6G By Unencumbered - Victoria Cristal (24-2-2-3): Began awkwardly, Disappointed for a run near 200m when 6-3/4 len 10th of 13 (4) $31.00 59.0 Yamuna 1400m Sunshine Coast (Bm58) Soft(6) Dec 31. Sound when 5-1/4 len 4th of 7 (7) $21.00 58.5 Motell 1666m Ipswich (Bm68) Good(4) Jan 6. Struggled at recent performances. Generally gets back in races. One for exotics.

FIVE STAR DECANTER (Gregory Cornish) 6G By Roc De Cambes (NZ) - Aurora Lights (NZ) (16-2-0-0): Wide near turn when 4-1/2 len 11th of 13 (9) $21.00 58.5 Darling Belle 1250m Ballina (Bm58) Soft(5) Jun 12. Began awkwardly when 7-1/2 len 5th of 7 (5) $26.00 58.0 Bauhinia Rock 1200m Gold Coast Poly (Bm58) Synthetic Dec 23. Freshened. Couldn't show a turn of foot this level at Gold Coast Poly first-up. Cannot entertain.

LAWBREAKER (D R Ward) 5M By Winning Rupert - Icy Heels (14-1-4-1): Slowly away when 4-1/4 len 7th of 11 (3) $10.00 58.0 Korobeinki 1600m Pakenham Synthetic (Bm58) Synthetic Jul 25. Slowly away when 7 len 11th of 11 (1) $13.00 58.5 Piece Of Turf 1200m Sunshine Coast F&M (Bm60) Soft(7) Dec 26. Made no impact at Sunshine Coast first-up. Fitter. In the mix.

MONACO DELUXE (Norm Larkin) 8G By Monaco Consul (NZ) - Hearts For Lily (17-1-2-3): Vetted - no abnormalities when 18-3/4 len 11th of 11 (2) $61.00 58.5 By By Bean 1300m Toowoomba Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Nov 25. Inconvenienced at start, Overraced near 1400m, Weakened near 600m, Tailed off, Vetted - no abnormalities when 17-3/4 len 8th of 9 (3) $81.00 57.0 Green Run 1625m Toowoomba (C1) Good(4) Dec 9. Freshened. Was safely held at Toowoomba last time out. Can't have.

SCAPINI (M A Currie) 4M By Ribchester (IRE) - Our Lonnie (15-1-2-3): Began awkwardly, Lost Ground when 4-3/4 len 7th of 9 (2) $7.50 55.0 Expectant 1500m Warwick (Bm62) Soft(5) Dec 28. Sound when 1-3/4 len 4th of 10 (4) $7.50 55.0 Enviable 1600m Gatton Hcp (C3) Soft(5) Jan 4. Gave good account at Gatton last start. Not out of this.

BERNMARK (B J Lockwood) 5M By Pride Of Dubai - Isla Canela (USA) (10-1-1-0): Began awkwardly when 3-1/4 len 6th of 9 (9) $15.00 57.0 Sip It Slow 1200m Kilcoy F&M (Bm62) Good(3) Dec 12. Kept grinding 13-1/2 len 10th of 10 (7) $17.00 58.0 Quest Of Quests 1350m Ipswich Plate (C1) Heavy(10) Dec 24. Freshened. Prominent but found nothing when called upon at Ipswich last outing. Prefer others.

TEMPTRESS KATIE (Steve Field) 5M By Golden Archer - Tiny Temptress (19-2-3-1): Eased early stages when 4 len 6th of 9 (4) $6.50 52.0 Magic In Me 1200m Murwillumbah (Bm68) Soft(6) Dec 27. Positioned midfield when 7-1/2 len 9th of 9 (6) $41.00 52.5 Charlie's Case 1400m Sunshine Coast Hcp (C2) Soft(7) Jan 5. Ordinary in similar grade at Sunshine Coast last outing. Tough alley. Prefer others.

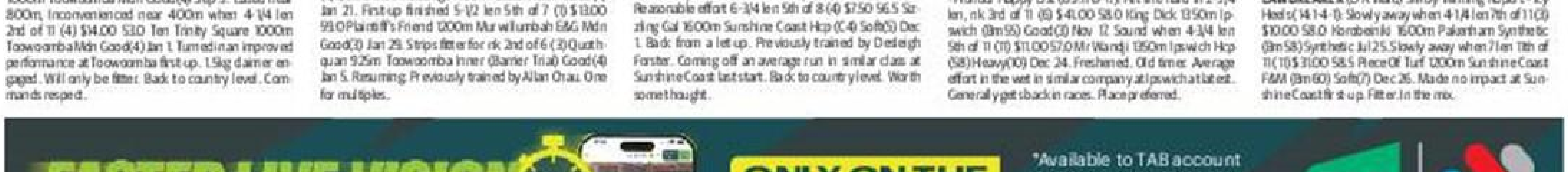
REDVEDEV (G Barbierato) 4G By Redwood (GB) - Vedex (NZ) (30-1-2-1): Kept grinding 9-3/4 len 10th of 11 (5) $11.00 56.5 Await The Storm 1400m Chinchilla Hcp (55) Soft(5) Dec 16. Gave all for ns 2nd of 11 (9) $15.00 55.5 Witness Attack 1300m Bell Hcp (CL B) Good(3) Jan 6. Gutsy effort when led and just missed at Bell last outing. Not fancied.

SINNAMON TOAST (Troy Pascoe) 6M By Real Saga - Nivali (10-1-0-2): Hampered near 400m when 9 len 9th of 11 (5) $31.00 57.0 Jimmy Neutron 1410m Ballina (Bm50) Good(3) Dec 26. Beaten but not disgraced when 3-3/4 len 7th of 11 (8) $9.00 56.5 Witness Attack 1300m Bell Hcp (CL B) Good(3) Jan 6. Battled on fairly at Bell last start. Not fancied.

BETTER CLASS (J P Wallace) 4G By Better Than Ready - Decal (20-1-2-3): Fair effort in 4 len 9th of 12 (11) $20.00 55.0 One 'n' Only 1250m Ballina Hcp (C1) Good(4) Dec 4. Eased near 1200m when 7 len 6th of 11 (3) $20.00 59.0 Jimmy Neutron 1410m Ballina (Bm50) Good(3) Dec 26. Was safely held at Ballina last time out. Backmarker. Not likely.

INSTANT RESPONSE (B Robinson) 4G By Mikki Isle (JPN) - Miss Bellezza (15-1-0-2): Fair effort in 8-3/4 len 8th of 10 (9) $41.00 59.0 Diablo Bolt 2020m Murwillumbah Plate (C1) Good(3) Dec 15. Sound when 10-3/4 len 9th of 9 (3) $21.00 59.0 Sir Randolph 1600m Ballina (C1) Good(3) Dec 26. Struggled at recent performances. Awkwardly drawn. Not fancied in this.

FAITHFUL MARYANNE (Stephanie Satus) 5M By Keep The Faith - Bold Rock (22-1-2-0): Raced wide without cover, Laid in in straight when 10-1/4 len 7th of 7 (4) $151.00 54.0 Bauhinia Rock 1200m Gold Coast Poly (Bm58) Synthetic Dec 23. Fair effort in 3-1/2 len 5th of 10 (3) $101.00 54.0 Badgers Nuts 1400m Beaudesert (C1) Soft(6) Dec 30. Battled on fairly at Beaudesert last start. Rank outsider.



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1 12.50 COCA COLA NO SUGAR PLATE EQ1

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	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	4	**CALMUNDI** (7)	W A Stanley (a1.5)	59	75	**81.00**
2	0s332	**CANNY PROSPECT** (6) (b)	N Heywood	59	100	**★1.80**
3	2549s	**LUSKIN VAIN** (8)	Ms C Ings	59	87	**21.00**
4	6	**PLATINUM WARRIOR** (2) (h)	Ms S Ingelse (a2)	59	84	**12.00**
5		**BYRON'S FARM** (5)	B Nock (a1.5)	57.5	77	**21.00**
6	2	**CHEAP GAS** (1)	J Pracey-Holmes	57.5	90	**3.60**
7	7s723	**HE'S ALL STYLE** (3) (h)	C Gallagher	57.5	95	**3.60**
8	6	**PARTYGATE** (4)	Scratched	57.5		–

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2 1.25 BARASTOC RACE N WIN PLATE EQ2

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1	0569s	**CAMP COVE** (4) (h)	M Stapleford (a3)	58	91	**19.00**
2	0s089	**KERMIE GAL** (8)	K Dunbar	58	78	**101.00**
3	8s520	**PAINITE** (7)	A Cavallo	58	87	**11.00**
4	04204	**SALLISTA** (3)		58	88	**16.00**
5	68s33	**TAKEN FOR GRANTED** (11)	Scratched	58		–
6	47s2	**CHOICE WITNESS** (5) (b)	C Vitler (a2)	56.5	100	**★1.65**
7	9	**DERVINIA** (12) (h)	R Simpson (a)	56.5	81	**18.00**
8		**DON'T TELL TARA** (1) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitomac	56.5	79	**21.00**
9	0	**FLASH DANDINO** (10) (h)	M Heagney	56.5	78	**101.00**
10	60s9	**FLYING NINA** (2)	M A Cahill	56.5	78	**31.00**
11		**GRAND OYSTER** (9) (h)	Ms A Cooper (a3)	56.5	85	**7.50**
12		**VERENDY** (6)	B Nock (a1.5)	56.5	94	**5.50**

SALLISTA 1, Choice Witness 2, Verendy 3, Painite 4

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3 2.00 DESSPOS SOLUTIONS EQ3

1400m. $30,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

1	24s52	**MEDINAH** (2) (b)		59	97	**★2.60**
2	00s7	**TAKE IT ON THE RUN** (10) (h)	R Simpson (a)	56.5	76	**81.00**
3	36825	**DALANTE** (11) (h)	M Heagney	55.5	90	**41.00**
4	6	**DANCES WITH HOOVES** (4) (b)	M A Cahill	55.5	94	**4.00**
5	8s455	**FREEWHEELER** (1)	C Vitler (a2)	55.5	98	**5.00**
6	9s507	**LAISVAS** (12) (h)	M Stapleford (a3)	55.5	87	**21.00**
7	74	**MISSION MUMMABEAR** (3) (h)	C Gallagher	55.5	91	**10.00**
8	04724	**SENSEI JACKIE** (7) (h)	J Pracey-Holmes	55.5	97	**13.00**
9	6s80	**SWEET BREEZE** (5) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitomac	55.5	73	**151.00**
10	54s73	**THE GIT UP** (6)	B Nock (a1.5)	55.5	100	**10.00**
11	36988	**THE PERCENTAGE** (8)	J Rogers	55.5	83	**81.00**
12	63743	**UNDER ACHIEVER (NZ)** (9)	A Cavallo	55.5	94	**10.00**

MEDINAH 1, Freewheeler 2, The Git Up 3, Dances With Hooves 4

4 2.40 MAAS MILE PLATE EQ4 Q1

1600m. $27,000. Class 1/Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

1	4s067	**AUSSIE PHAROAH** (8) (dtcw)	B Looker	59	90	**41.00**
2	s5624	**GIRRAGULANG** (5)	Ms C Hillier (a1.5)	59	89	**26.00**
3	4s534	**HALLOWED STAR** (14) (h)	R Simpson (a)	59	100	**4.00**
4	35137	**I AM CONVINCING** (4) (w)	M Stapleford (a3)	59	90	**13.00**
5	45324	**KARAOKE KING** (12) (whb)		59	96	**9.50**
6	s1s99	**SHADOW SHOT** (3)	C Gallagher	59	81	**61.00**
7	67015	**SNITCH'N'SNATCHING** (13) (dw)	S Lisnyy	59	91	**21.00**
8	147s8	**ZOUCAN TOUCAN** (11)	B Nock (a1.5)	59	86	**51.00**
9	4s216	**ROTHGATE** (7) (hb)	M A Cahill	57.5	97	**3.80**
10	43410	**DHYANI (NZ)** (10) (d)	J Barrie (a2)	57	97	**19.00**
11	8s64	**THUNDERBOLTER** (9)	N Heywood	56.5	88	**21.00**
12	744s1	**ERELLE** (2)	C Vitler (a2)	55.5	93	**★3.40**
13	39s36	**MRS BULL** (1) (h)	Ms G McDonnell	55	95	**15.00**
14	09	**TWENTY FOUR GUNS (NZ)** (6)		55	79	**81.00**

ERELLE 1, Hallowed Star 2, Snitch'n'snatching 3, Karaoke King 4

LEGEND

t won at track. **c** won this distance at the track. **d** won this distance another track. **w** won in wet. **b** beaten favourite. **s** spell at least three months. **h** home track. **p** pulled up. **l** lost rider. **n** won at night. Rating score out of 100

5 3.20 MEDLEY REFRIGERATION & A.C. DD1 Q2

1100m. $27,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

1	89s24	**DESTINY'S BOUNTY** (6) (w)	W A Stanley (a1.5)	61.5	88	**12.00**
2	21s	**EAGLEDGE** (18) (dtcw)	C Gallagher	59	87	**★3.90**
3	19s	**ZAP YAH** (13) (dwh)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	58	85	**9.50**
4	7241s	**PLENITUDE** (9) (dtcwh)	R Simpson (a)	57.5	96	**4.80**
5	1s6	**DANCEDES** (5)	N Heywood	56.5	88	**6.50**
6	28174	**FANTASY CROWNED** (10) (h)	Ms K Bell-Pitomac	56.5	87	**34.00**
7	56217	**SOUTH BULLAWAY** (17) (dh)	B Looker	56.5	91	**10.00**
8	0327s	**SPEUDOSA** (7) (tw)	Ms W Peel	56.5	94	**81.00**
9	93330	**CUMNOCK** (8) (dw)	B Nock (a1.5)	56	87	**13.00**
10	170	**WASTED DAYS** (3) (h)	J Pracey-Holmes	56	81	**12.00**
11	2985s	**PAHANG** (1) (wh)	Ms G McDonnell	55.5	91	**81.00**
12	s7189	**INVEST IN LOVE** (15) (dh)	M Stapleford (a3)	55	82	**31.00**
13	15356	**CHELSEA AMANDA** (16) (dc)	Scratched	55		–
14	360s1	**MONAZEL** (11) (tw)	C Vitler (a2)	55	100	**11.00**
		EMERGENCIES				
15	4s969	**BARCOO RIVER** (4)	A Cavallo	55	81	**26.00**
16	80368	**LADY FRAULEIN** (2) (h)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	55	78	**34.00**
17	00s64	**PIXIE'S CHOICE** (19)		55	86	**81.00**
18	75089	**SEASONAL SPIRIT** (14) (wh)		55	69	**126.00**
19	50074	**SMART 'N' RITZY** (12)		55	80	**126.00**

MONAZEL 1, Plenitude 2, South Bullaway 3, Speudosa 4

6 4.00 BARASTOC SUMMER SPRINT SERIES Q3

1000m. $27,000. Benchmark 58 Heat. Apprentices can claim.

1	2210s	**KEEP ON GOING** (1) (twh)	Ms S Ingelse (a2)	63	90	**6.50**
2	42778	**MY ODDETTE (NZ)** (9) (wh)	Ms Z Hunt (a3)	60.5	92	**11.00**
3	5s133	**APOLLO STAR** (7) (dtcb)	B Nock (a1.5)	60	91	**4.80**
4	33246	**MIDNIGHT DREAM** (10) (dtcwh)	C Gallagher	60	87	**7.50**
5	1736s	**SIN CITY BELLE** (3) (dtcwh)	C Vitler (a2)	59.5	82	**19.00**
6	3s1	**DEVINE CHOPS** (2) (dwh)	R Simpson (a)	59	90	**★2.40**
7	70308	**TELLS TAILS** (6) (dtcwh)	B Looker	58.5	81	**26.00**
8	1920s	**BLACKHILL KITTY** (8) (dh)	M Stapleford (a3)	57.5	100	**41.00**
9	s6455	**SIMPLY BETTER** (4) (dw)	J Pracey-Holmes	56.5	92	**9.00**
10	10166	**JARMANAGIC** (5) (dwh)	Ms C Hillier (a1.5)	55.5	87	**81.00**
11	s113s	**TWYBORN AFFAIR** (11)	Ms W Peel	55.5	91	**23.00**
12	5700s	**ZARZOU** (12) (w)	A Cavallo	55	79	**151.00**

KEEP ON GOING 1, Devine Chops 2, Tells Tails 3, Apollo Star 4

7 4.40 BARASTOC FURLONG DD2 Q4

1400m. $30,000. Benchmark 58. Apprentices can claim.

1	16669	**CELTIC HARP** (6) (dwh)	M Stapleford (a3)	63	84	**10.00**
2	14s09	**THE MEDIATOR** (15) (dtw)	W A Stanley (a1.5)	62.5	90	**19.00**
3	0s756	**DREAM GAME** (9) (w)	Ms S Ingelse (a2)	61	86	**10.00**
4	22039	**RINGSIDE** (5) (d)	J Pracey-Holmes	61	93	**17.00**
5	97070	**TUPOU** (4) (wh)	R Simpson (a)	60	84	**19.00**
6	55581	**OWHATA CRUMPET** (16) (tw)	A Banks	59.5	99	**10.00**
7	15s01	**PANTS ON FIRE** (18) (dtwh)	Ms C Hillier (a1.5)	59.5	92	**7.50**
8	77s05	**ADELSUN** (2) (dw)	N Heywood	59	94	**★1.80**
9	04s04	**RIVER ROCKET** (19) (wh)	B Nock (a1.5)	59	89	**19.00**
10	72783	**WITNESS COLLECTOR** (10) (dwhb)	M Heagney	58.5	91	**23.00**
11	62463	**LINDEN TREE** (8) (dtwh)	B Looker	57.5	100	**19.00**
12	6s686	**MARYLAND BRIDGE** (1) (twh)	C Gallagher	57	87	**13.00**
13	51s52	**DIVINE RENDEZVOUS** (13) (w)	C Vitler (a2)	56.5	90	**8.00**
14	243s6	**KALPANA** (12) (wh)	Ms G McDonnell	55	100	**11.00**
		EMERGENCIES				
15	74s13	**DUNDAS** (7)	Scratched	57		–
16	82s95	**SEARCHLIGHT** (17) (dw)		57	90	**61.00**
17	379s8	**JASIRI** (14) (h)		55	84	**126.00**
18	50s57	**OLLIVANDER** (11) (twh)		55	89	**34.00**
19	607s6	**COSTAS (NZ)** (3) (wh)		55	88	**61.00**

ADELSUN 1, Pants On Fire 2, River Rocket 3, Kalpana 4

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (1) Calmundi blinkers on first time, pre-race ear muffs on first time, stallion chain on first time; (5) Byron's Farm pre-race ear muffs on first time, gelded, lugging bit on first time, winkers on first time; (7) He's All Style winkers on first time **RACE 2:** (2) Kermie Gal tongue-tie on first time; (3) Painite brow band off first time, nasal strip on again, tongue-tie off again; (5) Taken For Granted tongue-control bit on first time, winkers on first time; (6) Choice Witness blinkers on first time **RACE 4:** (1) Aussie Pharoah blinkers on again; (4) I Am Convincing blinkers on again, winkers off first time; (10) Dhyani pre-race ear muffs off first time; (14) Twenty Four Guns blinkers on first time, winkers off first time **RACE 5:** (15) Barcoo River winkers on first time **RACE 6:** (12) Zarzou blinkers off again, near-side blinkers on first time, nose roll on first time

3 DESSPOS SOLUTIONS 2.00 1400m

MEDINAH (M D Griffith) 4G By Pariah - Astrophysical Jet (GB) (9:0-4-0): Began awkwardly when 1 len 5th of 8 (7) $2.70 59.0 Invasive Dreams 1200m Mudgee Mdn Plate Soft(7) Dec 1. Positioned midfield when 1-1/2 len 2nd of 14 (1) $2.30 58.5 Erelle 1300m Scone Mdn Good(4) Dec 19. Freshened. Improved showing at Scone last outing. Decent alley. One of the major players.

TAKE IT ON THE RUN (C Lundholm) 4G By Outreach - Touch The Fire (3:0-0-0): Began awkwardly, Raced erratically when 12 len 10th of 11 (5) $61.00 56.5 Keys To Love 1318m Dubbo Mdn Soft(6) Jul 10. Resumed with 6 len 7th of 11 (10) $101.00 58.0 Devine Chops 1010m Orange Mdn Hcp Soft(5) Dec 28. Needs to improve. Badly drawn. Rank outsider.

DALANTE (M J Lunn) 6G By Dandino (GB) - Exelante (33:0-3-2): Gave good account when 3-3/4 len 2nd of 7 (7) $4.00 56.0 Artelmar 1400m Wellington Mdn Good(3) Dec 26. Reasonable effort 2 len 5th of 10 (7) $61.00 57.0 Cheeky Secrets 1600m Gilgandra Mdn Good(4) Jan 2. Far from disgraced at Gilgandra last outing. Drawn poorly. In the mix.

DANCES WITH HOOVES (Cameron Crockett) 3F By Real Steel (JPN) - Native American (1:0-0-0): Kept grinding 3 len 6th of 13 (5) $3.70 55.5 My Rivera 1200m Tamworth Mdn Soft(5) Dec 24. Freshened. Ran home respectably at Tamworth on debut. Not out of this.

FREEWHEELER (B F Cavanough) 4G By Fastnet Rock - Hard Rider (NZ) (16:0-2-3): Keen when 1 len 5th of 7 (3) $8.50 57.0 Tapa Kick 1200m Gosford Mdn Plate Good(4) Dec 8. Beaten but not disgraced when 2 len 5th of 13 (10) $16.00 59.0 My Riviera 1200m Tamworth Mdn Soft(5) Dec 24. Freshened. Ran home respectably at Tamworth last start. 2kg claimer engaged. Up in distance now. Drawn to get a nice run. Must be considered.

LAISVAS (Connie Greig) 4M By Dissident - On The Loose (12:0-1-3): Crowded near 1000m, Eased near 1000m, Checked near 800m when 7-1/2 len 10th of 14 (10) $8.00 55.0 Stack The Rose 1200m Tamworth Super Mdn Good(4) Dec 12. Positioned midfield when 4 len 7th of 12 (9) $31.00 54.0 Turbo Charged 1280m Gilgandra Super Mdn Good(4) Jan 7. Just battled home at Gilgandra last time out. Awkwardly drawn. Not likely.

MISSION MUMMABEAR (Paul Clisby) 3F By The Mission - Bear Fan (USA) (2:0-0-0): Beaten but not disgraced when 5 len 7th of 9 (7) $81.00 55.5 She's Exotic 1000m Gunnedah Mdn Soft(7) Dec 2. Laid out near 150m when 0 len 4th of 6 (1) $11.00 55.5 Casino Stage 1400m Coonamble Mdn Good(4) Dec 17. Freshened. Worked home okay to finish close to placegetters last start. Place claims.

SENSEI JACKIE (Dar Lunn) 6G By Scissor Kick - Veneers (NZ) (55:0-7-5): Tried hard when 1/2 len 2nd of 8 (2) $6.00 57.5 Power To Deceive 1400m Dubbo Mdn Good(4) Dec 23. Sound when 1 len 4th of 10 (2) $8.00 57.0 Cheeky Secrets 1600m Gilgandra Mdn Good(4) Jan 7. Wasn't all that far away at Gilgandra last outing. In the mix.

SWEET BREEZE (M J Lunn) 3F By Trust In A Gust - Sweet Ella (3:0-0-0): On return from break finished 11-3/4 len 8th of 8 (3) $21.00 55.0 Nikirei 900m Wellington Mdn Good(3) Dec 26. Sound when 8 len 11th of 12 (4) $151.00 56.0 Turbo Charged 1280m Gilgandra Super Mdn Good(4) Jan 7. Struggling to have an impact this campaign. Rank outsider.

THE GIT UP (Brett Thompson) 3F By Casino Prince - Rhodopis (4:0-0-1): Keen when 3 len 7th of 12 (4) $8.50 55.0 Rothgate 1300m Narromine Mdn Good(3) Dec 5. Laid out near turn when 2 len, lg nk 3rd of 11 (3) $3.80 55.5 Monazel 1200m Dubbo Mdn Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Promising 3yo. Improved showing here last start. Among the main chances.

THE PERCENTAGE (Keren Hazelton) 6G By Starspangledbanner - Fashion News (NZ) (30:0-4-3): Broke poorly (3L), Warning - barrier manners when 6 len 8th of 10 (9) $41.00 55.0 The Hulkbuster 1200m Gilgandra Mdn Good(3) Dec 30. Reasonable effort 5 len 8th of 9 (4) $101.00 59.0 Off The Press 1100m Gilgandra Mdn Good(4) Jan 2. Hasn't been attacking the line lately. Has had plenty of chances. Appears tested.

UNDER ACHIEVER (R W Howe) 4G By War Decree (USA) - Myladyachiever (NZ) (10:0-0-3): Began awkwardly, Keen when 1-3/4 len 4th of 10 (2) $26.00 55.5 Wild Canary 1400m Bathurst Mdn Hcp Good(3) Dec 18. Battled away gamely sht hd, 1-3/4 len 3rd of 12 (7) $21.00 56.0 Turbo Charged 1280m Gilgandra Super Mdn Good(4) Jan 7. No match for winner but kept boxing away to to place at Gilgandra at latest. Place claims.

4 MAAS MILE PLATE 2.40 1600m

AUSSIE PHAROAH (M D Griffith) 4G By American Pharoah (USA) - Lisson Grove (10:1-1-1): Checked near 800m when 5 len 6th of 10 (5) $81.00 57.0 Bangetta 1400m Scone Hcp (C1) Good(4) Dec 19. Battled away for 13-3/4 len 7th of 7 (3) $15.00 59.0 Four O'clock Knock 1610m Orange (C1) Soft(6) Dec 28. Hasn't been attacking the line lately. Can't have.

GIRRAGULANG (Derek Piper) 5G By Divine Prophet - Too Much Champagne (20:1-5-3): Laid out near turn when 3-3/4 len 2nd of 7 (3) $9.00 56.0 Redford 1410m Orange Hcp (C1) Good(3) Dec 11. Beaten but not disgraced when 10 len 4th of 7 (7) $16.00 59.0 Four O'clock Knock 1610m Orange (C1) Soft(6) Dec 28. On the speed but ran out of petrol quickly at Orange last time out. Has claims.

HALLOWED STAR (C Lundholm) 4G By Hallowed Crown - Star Of Minerva (10:1-0-2): Struck interference at start, Struck interference near 100m when sht hd, 1-3/4 len 3rd of 12 (5) $5.00 57.5 Owhata Crumpet 1300m Narromine (Bm58) Good(3) Dec 5. Fair effort in 2 len 4th of 11 (7) $4.60 59.0 Magnetric 1200m Wagga Riverside (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 22. Freshened. Due for a win. Far from disgraced at Wagga Riverside at latest. Up in distance now. Looks one of the main chances.

I AM CONVINCING (S I Singleton) 6G By I Am Invincible - Consulting (14:1-1-3): Got home nicely to run 1/2 len, 3/4 len 3rd of 9 (3) $15.00 55.0 Macleay 1400m Tamworth Hcp (C2) Soft(5) Dec 24. Beaten but not disgraced when 5-3/4 len 7th of 11 (9) $19.00 54.0 Tapa Kick 1500m Muswellbrook (Bm66) Soft(5) Jan 4. Just battled home in similar company at Muswellbrook last outing. Not out of this.

KARAOKE KING (C Lundholm) 5G By Real Impact (JPN) - Positive Quest (24:1-4-2): Gave good account when 1-1/2 len 2nd of 8 (6) $4.60 52.5 Stockholm 1600m Warren Plate (C1) Good(4) Dec 15. Beaten but not disgraced when 1 len 4th of 11 (11) $3.00 56.0 Edith's Joy 1800m Gilgandra Plate (C1) Good(3) Dec 30. Just behind the placegetters at Gilgandra last start. Consider.

SHADOW SHOT (Brett Thompson) 4G By Dane Shadow - Opera's Aim (4:1-0-0): On return from break finished 5 len 9th of 12 (3) $11.00 61.0 Weave That Web 1400m Warren (Bm60) Good(4) Dec 15. Slowly away when 12 len 9th of 11 (7) $31.00 59.5 Irene Of Athens 1600m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Was safely held here last start. No appeal.

SNITCH'N'SNATCHING (Ms T Boyd) 4G By Snitzel - Private Secretary (14:1-0-0): Let down nicely for sht 1/2 hd win of 6 (1) $5.50 58.0 Snitch'n'snatching 1600m Tamworth Mdn Hcp Soft(5) Dec 24. Slowly away when 14-1/4 len 5th of 7 (3) $61.00 59.0 Yarrawonga 2000m Kembla Grange 3yo+ Plate (C1) Heavy(10) Dec 30. Couldn't show a turn of foot in the wet in similar company at Kembla Grange at latest. Needs luck from out there. Back to country level. Among the dangers.

ZOUCAN TOUCAN (Kelly Smith) 4G By Zoustar - Candika (15:1-1-0): Slowly away, Overraced early stages when 8-1/2 len 7th of 9 (6) $19.00 56.0 Epic Poem 1700m Wellington Plate (C1) Soft(6) Jul 31. Slowly away, Keen when 9 len 8th of 10 (5) $41.00 55.0 Awaygoesthebunny 1400m Inverell Hcp (C1) Heavy(10) Jan 1. Lacked a pick-up and only plugged to line in the wet at Inverell first up. Looking elsewhere.

ROTHGATE (Brett Robb) 3G By Rothesay - Concert Image (5:1-1-0): Claimed sht hd win of 12 (12) $1.85 57.5 Rothgate 1300m Narromine Mdn Good(3) Dec 5. Fair effort in 1 len 6th of 11 (5) $4.40 56.5 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Just behind the placegetters at Orange last outing. One for multiples.

DHYANI (R C Robb) 4M By Savabeel - Ywahoo (NZ) (11:1-0-1): Landed 1-1/2 len win of 8 (3) $3.10 55.5 Dhyani 1600m Corowa Mdn Good(3) Nov 6. Balanced up midfield when 10 len 12th of 12 (10) $7.50 60.0 Weave That Web 1400m Warren (Bm60) Good(4) Dec 15. Freshened. Was safely held at Warren last outing. Place hope.

THUNDERBOLTER (Cameron Crockett) 4G By Denman - Endear (3:0-0-0): Slowly away when 4 len 6th of 12 (8) $15.00 58.0 Rush Attack 1500m Mudgee Super Mdn Soft(7) Dec 1. Eased at start, Keen when 8-3/4 len 4th of 7 (2) $6.50 57.5 Love Rules 2000m Coonamble Plate (C1) Good(3) Dec 12. Freshened. On the speed but ran out of petrol quickly at Coonamble at latest. Prefer others.

ERELLE (B F Cavanough) 3F By Press Statement - Zareyva (4:1-0-0): Hampered at start when 4 len 4th of 8 (3) $9.50 55.0 Rodabilly Rebel 1200m Coffs Harbour 3yo (Open) Good(4) Aug 4. Taken back from wide barrier when 1-1/2 len win of 14 (13) $14.00 53.0 Erelle 1300m Scone Mdn Good(4) Dec 19. Freshened. 2kg claimer engaged. Drawn to receive every chance. Strong claims.

MRS BULL (Connie Greig) 4M By Shooting To Win - Magic Of Dreams (15:0-2-4): Keen when 3/4 len, 1 len 3rd of 7 (2) $7.50 52.0 Go Isla Go 1200m Coonamble Super Mdn Good(3) Dec 12. Kept trying 3 len 6th of 12 (6) $6.00 55.0 Turbo Charged 1280m Gilgandra Super Mdn Good(4) Jan 7. Ran home respectably at Gilgandra last outing. 3kg claimer engaged. Good gate. Has claims.

TWENTY FOUR GUNS (T S Howlett) 3G By U S Navy Flag (USA) - Echezeaux (NZ) (1:0-0-0): Balanced up midfield when debut 7 len 10th of 14 (9) $31.00 52.5 Erelle 1300m Scone Mdn Good(4) Dec 19. Freshened. Ordinary this level at Scone on debut. Appears tested.

5 MEDLEY REFRIG. & AIR CONDITIONING 3.20 1100m

DESTINY'S BOUNTY (Ms S Jeffries) 5G By Headwater - Pretty Belle (15:1-4-0): Struck interference at start when nk 2nd of 12 (8) $10.00 59.5 Rubi Air 1100m Narromine Hcp (C1) Good(3) Dec 5. Reasonable effort 0 len 4th of 11 (1) $5.00 60.0 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Worked home okay under 60kg to finish close to placegetters last start. 1.5kg claimer engaged. Free-running. Can figure.

EAGLEDGE (Lyle Chandler) 4G By Star Turn - Lady Limelight (2:1-1-0): Battled away gamely debut sht hd 2nd of 12 (10) $8.00 59.0 Frosbie 1200m Tamworth Mdn Soft(5) Jun 9. Began awkwardly, Held up on straightening when 1/2 len win of 11 (1) $1.65 59.0 Eagledge 1100m Dubbo Mdn Plate Soft(5) Jun 26. Had the benefit of 6-3/4 len 8th of 10 (6) Burning Crown 1000m Tamworth (Barrier Trial) Soft(5) Dec 24. Resuming. Needs luck from out there. Place.

ZAP YAH (C Lundholm) 4G By Nostradamus - The Empress (2:1-0-0): Came from second half of field for debut 1/2 nk win of 12 (11) $3.50 57.5 Zap Yah 1100m Narromine Mdn Soft(5) Aug 20. Slowly away, Laid out in straight when 3-3/4 len 9th of 14 (1) $6.00 56.0 Simply Xtravagant 1300m Dubbo Hcp (C1) Good(4) Sep 10. First up. One for exotics.

PLENITUDE (C Lundholm) 3G By Kermadec (NZ) - Top Magic (4:1-1-0): On return from break finished 1-1/2 len 4th of 10 (8) $7.50 58.0 Bare To Witness 1100m Dubbo 2yo Open Hcp Good(4) May 20. Keen when 1/2 len win of 11 (7) $7.50 52.5 Plenitude 1100m Dubbo 2yo Open Hcp Soft(5) Jun 9. Resuming. Take beating.

DANCEDES (Cameron Crockett) 4M By Denman - Mosscedes (2:1-0-0): Came from second half of field for debut 1/2 nk win of 10 (2) $1.60 55.5 Dancedes 900m Scone 3yo+ Mdn Good(4) Jan 22. Balanced up midfield when 5 len 6th of 11 (4) $5.50 58.0 Tabata Set 1100m Scone (Bm68) Good(4) Dec 19. Freshened. Coming off an average run in similar grade at Scone first up. Worth some thought.

FANTASY CROWNED (Ms J Galea) 4G By Hallowed Crown - Lucky Fantasy (21:1-1-0): Began awkwardly, Ordered to trail when 12 len 7th of 8 (8) $6.50 56.0 Pyromania 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Good(4) Oct 15. Keen, Raced three wide when 2 len 4th of 11 (11) $12.00 52.0 Timmy 1200m Dubbo Hcp (C1) Good(4) Nov 4. Returning from let up. Fair effort without threatening here last outing. Place preferred.

SOUTH BULLAWAY (C Lundholm) 3G By Change Forward - Delabombell (6:1-1-0): Posted 4-1/4 len win of 5 (4) $1.95 55.5 South Bullaway 1100m Coonamble Mdn Good(4) Dec 12. Kept trying 2 len 7th of 11 (7) $8.00 56.5 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Fair effort without threatening at Orange last outing. On pacer. Awkwardly drawn. Among the dangers.

SPEUDOSA (R C Robb) 6G By Fast 'n' Famous - Magic Bella (10:1-2-2): Resumed with 1/2 len 2nd of 11 (1) $4.40 61.0 Luckyinwithaimee 1000m Warren (Bm50) Good(3) Apr 15. Resumed with 9-1/2 len 7th of 10 (9) $3.80 60.0 Blackhill Kitty 1100m Nyngan (C1) Good(3) Apr 25. First up. Worth some thought.

CUMNOCK (Brett Thompson) 4G By Outreach - Coasters (10:1-1-4): Slowly away, Keen when 3/4 len, 1-1/2 len 3rd of 11 (5) $3.50 58.5 Benyatta 1100m Bathurst (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 18. Sound when 8 len 11th of 11 (9) $6.50 52.0 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Lacked a pick up and only plugged to line at Orange at latest. Prefer others.

WASTED DAYS (Brett Robb) 3G By Supido - Miss Mellencamp (3:1-0-0): Began awkwardly, Keen when 2 len 7th of 11 (8) $5.00 56.0 Benyatta 1100m Bathurst (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 18. Battled away for 4 len 10th of 12 (3) $6.00 56.0 Precious Socks 1100m Gilgandra (Bm68) Good(4) Jan 7. Just battled home in similar grade at Gilgandra last time out. Appears tested.

PAHANG (Connie Greig) 7G By Dissident - River Vixen (47:6-6-4): Eased near 1200m when 8-1/4 len 8th of 12 (1) $9.00 59.0 Talkachino 1600m Dubbo Plate (C1) Good(3) Sep 19. Laid in in straight when 4-3/4 len 5th of 11 (10) $26.00 65.0 Inzaghi 1400m Coonamble Pic Champ Soft(5) Oct 8. First-up. Unplaced first up. Prefer others.

INVEST IN LOVE (C Lundholm) 4M By Capitalist - Lovett (14:1-1-5): Began awkwardly, Raced wide without cover when 3 len 8th of 12 (10) $6.50 55.0 Rubi Air 1100m Narromine Hcp (C1) Good(3) Dec 5. Fair effort in 5 len 9th of 11 (1) $20.00 61.5 Pants On Fire 1200m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Coming off an average run this level here last outing. No appeal.

CHELSEA AMANDA: Scratched.

MONAZEL (B F Cavanough) 4M By Under The Louvre - Catzel (8:3-0-2): Disappointed for a run in straight when 2-1/2 len 10th of 13 (8) $18.00 52.0 Cheap Wine 1410m Grafton Mdn Plate Good(4) Jul 9. Eased near 400m when 2 len win of 11 (1) $2.80 54.0 Monazel 1200m Dubbo Mdn Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Commanding winner this level here first-up. 2kg claimer engaged. Strong claims.

BARCOO RIVER (R W Howe) 4G By Choisir - Jasminka (NZ) (16:1-2-2): Raced three wide when 2 len 6th of 11 (10) $51.00 57.5 Benyatta 1100m Bathurst (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 18. Beaten but not disgraced when 4 len 9th of 11 (4) $13.00 55.5 Mike 1290m Orange Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 28. Went to line only fairly this level at Orange at latest. Rank outsider.

LADY FRAULEIN (C Lundholm) 5M By Panzer Division - Kenzie (21:1-3-3): Struck interference near 1000m, Held up on straightening when 2 len 6th of 12 (1) $51.00 55.0 Rubi Air 1100m Narromine Hcp (C1) Good(3) Dec 5. Slowly away, Eased near 100m when 5-1/4 len 8th of 11 (9) $10.00 56.5 Pants On Fire 1200m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. No appeal.

PIXIE'S CHOICE (Brett Thompson) 5M By Great Choice - Pixie Gaze (6:1-0-1): First-up finished 7 len 6th of 13 (12) $51.00 58.5 Obsessive Nature 1000m Warren (Bm60) Good(4) Dec 15. Slowly away when 2 len 4th of 9 (3) $31.00 58.5 Snowdrop 1000m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Fair effort without threatening here last time out. Needs luck from out there. Not fancied.

SEASONAL SPIRIT (M J Lunn) 4G By Wandjina - Negative Nelly (12:1-0-0): Fair effort in 13 len 8th of 9 (5) $51.00 55.0 Hellfire Express 1410m Orange Hcp (C1) Heavy(9) Nov 24. Fair effort in 9-1/4 len 9th of 11 (11) $21.00 55.0 Sauce Dragon 1100m Wellington Hcp (C1) Good(3) Dec 26. Hasn't been attacking the line lately. Can't have.

SMART 'N' RITZY (G R Brooker) 5M By Smart Missile - Seritza (28:1-2-1): Beaten but not disgraced when 3 len 7th of 12 (10) $151.00 55.0 Dune And Dusted 1000m Tamworth Hcp (C1) Good(4) Dec 12. Sound when 4-1/2 len 4th of 11 (6) $5.00 55.0 Sauce Dragon 1100m Wellington Hcp (C1) Good(3) Dec 26. No appeal.

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KEEP ON GOING (Stephen Edwards) 5G By I Am Invincible - Mamwaazel (17:3-4-2): Began awkwardly when 1/2 hd win of 6 (6) $3.30 58.5 Keep On Going 1418m Dubbo Hcp (C2) Good(4) Aug 13. First up finished 5-1/4 len 13th of 14 (6) $51.00 55.5 Stormy Witness 1400m Rosehill 3yo+ Hway (C3) Good(4) Sep 9. Resuming. 2kg claimer engaged. Placed in Benchmark 58 company at here first-up last campaign. Front-running. Races well on this track. Well placed from the perfect draw. Back to country level. Take beating.

MY ODDETTE (C Lundholm) 6M By Rock 'n' Pop - She's Swan Lake (NZ) (29:4-4-2): Kept trying 2-1/4 len 7th of 10 (1) $7.50 56.0 Admonish 1200m Ipswich (Bm65) Good(3) Oct 11. Balanced up midfield when 3 len 8th of 10 (9) $12.00 61.0 Steffi Magnetica 1010m Orange (Bm68) Soft(5) Dec 28. Wasn't all that far away at Orange at latest. Place preferred.

APOLLO STAR (Brett Thompson) 4G By Great Choice - Little Bitty (9:2-0-3): Began awkwardly when 1-3/4 len, 1/2 nk 3rd of 10 (9) $7.00 58.5 Gutsy 1010m Orange (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 11. Raced wide without cover when 1 len, 1/2 len 3rd of 9 (7) $2.50 62.5 Snowdrop 1000m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. No match for winner but kept on for the minor spoils here at latest. Can play a role.

MIDNIGHT DREAM (Paul Clisby) 5G By Your Song - Dreamlike (22:2-5-2): Settled midfield when 3 len 4th of 13 (6) $5.50 61.0 King Rupert 1100m Scone (Bm68) Soft(5) Nov 20. Took up a midfield position when 3 len 6th of 12 (6) $19.00 60.5 Cyclone Rupert 1200m Mudgee (Bm68) Soft(7) Dec 1. Back from a let-up. Wasn't all that far away at Mudgee at latest. Normally races well at this distance. Tough alley. One for multiples.

SIN CITY BELLE (C Lundholm) 6M By Casino Prince - Sinequanon (17:4-3-2): Laid out in straight when 1 len, 2 len 3rd of 11 (5) $8.00 58.5 Fabulous Choice 1300m Narromine (Bm68) Good(4) Aug 20. Keen when 2-1/4 len 6th of 13 (5) $8.00 57.0 Laffing Waters 1300m Dubbo (Bm58) Good(4) Sep 10. First-up. Has raced well this track previously. In the mix.

DEVINE CHOPS (C Lundholm) 3G By Invader - Our Toninicconi (2:1-0-1): Poor recovery when 1-3/4 len, 1-1/4 len 3rd of 9 (6) $1.55 57.0 Sparkingly 1100m Coonamble 2yo Open Hcp Good(4) Mar 12. Resumed with 3 len win of 11 (3) $1.95 58.5 Devine Chops 1010m Orange Mdn Hcp Soft(5) Dec 28. Led and kept on to score convincingly this level at Orange first-up. Fitter. Ideally drawn. Can play a key role.

TELLS TAILS (C Lundholm) 7M By Zoffany (IRE) - Rebel Gem (47:7-3-6): Sound when 3 len 10th of 12 (8) $41.00 53.0 Johnny Dash 1100m Narromine (Bm66) Good(3) Dec 5. Overraced early, middle stages when 4 len 8th of 9 (5) $3.80 60.5 Snowdrop 1000m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Average effort this level here at latest. Effective this track/distance. Worth some thought.

BLACKHILL KITTY (Connie Greig) 6M By Ready For Victory - Bad Kitty (35:5-2-6): First up finished 3/4 len 2nd of 5 (5) $3.60 68.0 Foxstorm 1000m Mungery 3yo+ Trophy Good(3) Oct 1. Raced three wide when 6-1/2 len 10th of 11 (11) $4.40 65.0 Inzaghi 1400m Coonamble Pic Champ Soft(5) Oct 8. Resuming. Fresh stats don't flatter. Looking to others.

SIMPLY BETTER (David J Smith) 4M By Better Than Ready - Sweet As (19:3-1-1): Beaten but not disgraced when 2 len 5th of 11 (9) $6.50 57.5 Benyatta 1100m Bathurst (Bm58) Good(3) Dec 18. Kept grinding 3 len 5th of 10 (6) $14.00 57.0 Steffi Magnetica 1010m Orange (Bm68) Soft(5) Dec 28. Far from disgraced at Orange last time out. Worth some thought.

JARMANAGIC (G D Lunn) 8G By Starspangledbanner - Rosemont Flyer (74:8-6-6): Pre race incident, Passed fit at barrier when 1 len 6th of 12 (9) $11.00 57.5 Yael's Delight 1100m Gilgandra (Bm50) Good(3) Dec 30. Reasonable effort 3 len 6th of 8 (8) $8.00 55.0 Beauchamp 1100m Gilgandra Open (Bm76) Good(4) Jan 7. Seasoned campaigner. Battled on fairly at Gilgandra last start. Place hope.

TWYBORN AFFAIR (C W Hodgson) 6G By Real Saga - Aspidistra (11:2-1-2): First-up finished 2 len win of 8 (7) $5.00 60.0 Twyborn Affair 1100m Carinda (Bm45) Good(3) Jul 15. Settled midfield when 3/4 len, sht nk 3rd of 12 (5) $5.50 59.5 The Big Seal 800m Gilgandra (Bm50) Good(4) Aug 5. Resuming. Drawn poorly. Not out of this.

ZARZOU (R W Howe) 7G By Zoustar - Arnosa (33:2-3-2): First-up finished 11-1/4 len 11th of 11 (9) $101.00 55.5 Divine Sinner 1118m Dubbo (Bm68) Good(4) Aug 13. First-up finished 6-3/4 len 11th of 12 (6) $21.00 59.0 Serene Shadow 1100m Mudgee (Bm60) Good(3) Sep 30. First-up. Needs luck from out there. Appears tested.

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CELTIC HARP (Connie Greig) 5G By No Nay Never (USA) - Lagerphone (30:5-1-1): Hampered at start when 2 len 6th of 11 (10) $31.00 59.5 Driving Force 1200m Coonamble (Bm66) Good(3) Dec 17. Beaten but not disgraced when 5 len 9th of 9 (7) $41.00 54.0 Sea Of Flames 1600m Gilgandra Open (Bm80) Good(4) Jan 2. Place hope.

THE MEDIATOR (A M Molloy) 6G By Sebring - Dream 'n' Believe (27:4-1-2): Hampered at start when 3 len 10th of 11 (4) $41.00 60.0 Driving Force 1200m Coonamble (Bm66) Good(3) Dec 17. Kept grinding 5 len 9th of 11 (5) $7.00 59.5 Diamond Carat 1400m Gundagai (Bm66) Good(4) Jan 1. Prefer others.

DREAM GAME (C W Hodgson) 5G By Dream Ahead (USA) - It's Game On (17:2-1-4): Balanced up midfield when 2 len 5th of 11 (2) $31.00 58.0 Driving Force 1200m Coonamble (Bm66) Good(3) Dec 17. Positioned midfield when 3 len 6th of 12 (11) $26.00 59.0 Namu 1200m Gilgandra Hcp (C2) Good(4) Jan 7. Fair effort without threatening at Gilgandra at latest. One for multiples.

RINGSIDE (Kelly Smith) 8G By Stratum - Mother's Milk (NZ) (69:9-11-7): Kept fighting when lg nk, ns 3rd of 10 (10) $15.00 58.5 Leica Storm 1400m Coonamble (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 17. Dwelt at start (2L) when 9 len 9th of 11 (9) $31.00 55.0 Cassia Lane 1400m Inverell Inverell Cup (Bm86) Heavy(10) Jan 1. Couldn't show a turn of foot in the wet in similar class at Inverell last time out. One for multiples.

TUPOU (C Lundholm) 6G By Real Impact (JPN) - Kakamo (35:6-2-3): Kept grinding 7-1/4 len 7th of 10 (8) $41.00 59.0 Leica Storm 1400m Coonamble (Bm58) Good(3) Dec 17. Fair effort in 4 len 11th of 12 (10) $26.00 61.0 Precious Socks 1100m Gilgandra (Bm58) Good(4) Jan 7. Looks tested here.

OWHATA CRUMPET (Michael Denison) 7M By Albrecht - Modest Meisie (37:4-6-3): Kept trying 5 len 8th of 8 (6) $13.00 58.5 Laffing Waters 1300m Dubbo (Bm58) Good(4) Nov 4. Rounded up opposition to score sht hd win of 12 (1) $31.00 57.5 Owhata Crumpet 1300m Narromine (Bm58) Good(3) Dec 5. Freshened. Good, determined win from off the pace at long odds last outing. Has come up with a horror draw. Not out of this.

PANTS ON FIRE (Dar Lunn) 5M By Kuroshio - Fall In Love (16:3-1-3): Drifted back near 400m when 11 len 12th of 12 (5) $12.00 58.5 Cyclone Rupert 1200m Mudgee (Bm68) Soft(7) Dec 1. Began awkwardly, Raced three wide when 1 len win of 11 (6) $8.50 60.5 Pants On Fire 1200m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Impressive win here last start. 1.5kg claimer engaged. Up in distance now. Take beating.

ADELSUN (Cameron Crockett) 5M By Adelaide (IRE) - Ready On Sunday (15:3-1-0): Positioned midfield when 5 len 10th of 10 (2) $20.00 56.0 Cirebon 1300m Scone (Bm66) Good(4) Dec 19. Eased near post when 1 len 5th of 12 (12) $15.00 59.5 Subuki 1400m Tamworth (Bm68) Soft(6) Jan 8. On a quick back up. Gave a good sight at Tamworth at latest. Drawn to receive every chance. Has claims.

RIVER ROCKET (Ms C Monaghan) 7G By Hidden Dragon - Royal Yangtze (58:6-7-3): Keen when 10 len 12th of 12 (6) $31.00 60.0 Owhata Crumpet 1300m Narromine (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 5. Balanced up midfield when 3 len 4th of 12 (8) $12.00 61.5 Injada 1280m Gilgandra (Bm60) Good(3) Dec 30. Wasn't all that far away at Gilgandra last start. Needs luck from out there. One for exotics.

WITNESS COLLECTOR (M J Lunn) 7H By Star Witness - Scavenger (51:8-3-8): Fair effort in 7-3/4 len 8th of 11 (7) $15.00 58.0 Majestic Wings 1400m Warren (Bm68) Good(4) Nov 12. Laid out in straight when ns, 1-1/2 len 3rd of 12 (2) $4.60 60.5 Yael's Delight 1100m Gilgandra (Bm50) Good(3) Dec 30. No match for winner but kept on for the minor spoils at Gilgandra last outing. Not likely.

LINDEN TREE (Connie Greig) 6G By Redoute's Choice - Loulinda (58:7-6-6): Balanced up midfield when 3 len 6th of 12 (12) $6.00 62.0 Weave That Web 1400m Warren (Bm60) Good(4) Dec 15. Tried hard when nk, sht hd 3rd of 8 (7) $4.60 61.5 Neidr Dawn 1400m Wellington (Bm50) Good(3) Dec 26. Made the running and kept on to just miss in similar company at Wellington last outing. Others better.

MARYLAND BRIDGE (Paul Clisby) 4M By Parish - Veneers (NZ) (7:1-2-0): Keen when 8 len 8th of 10 (4) $10.00 56.5 Zedari 1300m Coonamble Hcp (C2) Good(3) Dec 17. Battled away for 12 len 6th of 11 (4) $31.00 56.5 Always In 1280m Muswellbrook Hcp (C1) Heavy(8) Jan 4. Can't have.

DIVINE RENDEZVOUS (B F Cavanough) 4M By Divine Prophet - Your Place Or Mine (9:1-1-1): First-up finished 5 len 5th of 9 (9) $16.00 56.0 Island Legend 1200m Gosford (Bm68) Good(4) Dec 8. Worked right to the line for 1 len 2nd of 11 (10) $8.00 57.0 Pants On Fire 1200m Dubbo (Bm50) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Ran on well to place here last outing. One for exotics.

KALPANA (Connie Greig) 5M By Dissident - Assumption (26:1-6-5): Began awkwardly, Eased near 100m when 2-1/4 len, 1/2 len 3rd of 8 (7) $4.20 55.0 Mac Monty 1540m Gold Coast Poly Hcp (C1) Synthetic Aug 18. First-up finished 3-3/4 len 6th of 11 (8) $6.00 55.5 La Mia Via 1200m Warren Hcp (C1) Good(4) Dec 15. Freshened. Fair effort without threatening at Warren first-up. Can figure.

DUNDAS (Ms G Williams) 5G By Dundeel (NZ) - Ice Cream Lady (16:1-0-3): Eased near 100m when 1/2 nk win of 6 (4) $3.80 57.0 Dundas 1010m Orange Mdn Hcp Good(3) Dec 11. Ran home solidly for 1 len, 1 len 3rd of 10 (10) $11.00 55.5 Robin Sparkles 1300m Canberra Hcp (C1) Soft(5) Dec 29. Let down well from back of the pack to place at Canberra last start. Scratched.

SEARCHLIGHT (Brett Thompson) 5G By Adelaide (IRE) - Gibberish (37:2-5-3): Began awkwardly, Wide throughout when 7 len 9th of 10 (10) $19.00 58.0 Gutsy 1010m Orange (Bm68) Good(3) Dec 11. Began awkwardly when 3 len 5th of 11 (3) $21.00 60.0 Pants On Fire 1200m Dubbo (Bm60) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Fair effort without threatening here at latest. Wide alley is a concern. Place preferred.

JASIRI (Connie Greig) 6M By Wandjina - Anakalinka (12:1-0-1): First up finished 17-1/4 len 9th of 10 (3) $14.00 52.0 Aesthete 1600m Coonabarabran Plate (C1) Soft(5) Jul 22. First-up finished 9 len 8th of 11 (10) $31.00 55.5 Sauce Dragon 1100m Wellington Hcp (C1) Good(3) Dec 26. Unlikely to trouble some of these.

OLLIVANDER (G D Lunn) 8G By Charge Forward - Ebony Wand (59:4-10-5): On return from break finished 4-1/2 len 5th of 8 (3) $7.00 56.5 Neidr Dawn 1400m Wellington (Bm60) Good(3) Dec 26. Kept trying 10 len 7th of 7 (4) $31.00 52.5 Sarastrina 1610m Orange (Bm68) Soft(7) Jan 9. On a quick back up. Showed pace but gave in easily at Orange last start. Looking to others.

COSTAS (T J Fahey) 8G By Tavistock (NZ) - Keepthechange (NZ) (52:3-4-5): Sound when 3-3/4 len 7th of 13 (8) $15.00 58.5 First Secret 1600m Mudgee (Bm50) Good(3) Sep 30. Beaten but not disgraced when 4 len 6th of 12 (2) $26.00 58.0 Injada 1280m Gilgandra (Bm50) Good(3) Dec 30. Coming off an average run in similar grade at Gilgandra first-up. Others better.

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1 12.35 HORSEPOWER HANDICAP EQ1

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	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	23596	**MYSWEETMOSES** (2)	A Morgan	62	95	**4.00**
2	413s8	**FLYING BIRDS** (8)	M Bell	61	92	**11.00**
3	1	**DIZE** (7) (d)	Ms A Roper (a)	58.5	100	**5.00**
4	8060s	**SCHWOON** (4) (dw)	Ms R Bennett Rapp (a3)	58	89	**13.00**
5	044s0	**SIPPITY SIP** (6) (dw)	G Buckley	58	94	**7.00**
6	4s517	**SNITZAROO** (5) (d)	A Bullock	58	100	**★3.50**
7	72666	**MARAMOTI (NZ)** (9)	B Osmond (a2)	56	88	**13.00**
8	13s33	**STORM'S END** (10) (wb)	Ms J Duggan	56	93	**7.00**
9	17980	**CATCH ME OUT** (3) (t)	D Mc Lellan	55	78	**51.00**
10	810s6	**SNOW STAR** (1)	Matthew Palmer	55	85	**34.00**

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2 1.10 TAB SUMMER SIZZLER EQ2

1000m. $27,000. Open. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	53147	**OUTREACH TO HENRY** (2) (dw)	A Gibbons	61	96	**★2.50**
2	5s149	**SHARKIM** (9) (dw)		60	88	**9.00**
3	4s163	**CUSTO** (4) (dtcwb)	M Bell	59.5	98	**3.00**
4	s4074	**GIDGEE GUY** (6) (dtcw)	G Buckley	59.5	91	**7.00**
5	43665	**I'M NOT SLEW** (7) (dtc)	R Jones	58.5	100	**9.00**
6	5631s	**SECRET SPY** (1)	A Bullock	58	99	**13.00**
7	1707s	**POWDERFINGER** (5) (w)	A Morgan	55	93	**17.00**
8	21546	**NOSEY** (3) (dtcw)	Ms A Roper (a)	55	85	**26.00**
9	7490s	**SILICA SAND** (8) (w)	B Osmond (a2)	55	75	**34.00**

OUTREACH TO HENRY 1, Custo 2, Gidgee Guy 3, Sharkim 4

3 1.45 BENGALLA PLATE EQ3

1450m. $30,000. Maiden SW. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	987s8	**DEIFIC** (2)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	59	81	**101.00**
2	09905	**GOLDEN RIVER GIFT** (7)	Ms R Bennett Rapp (a3)	59	86	**51.00**
3	59840	**MASTER TYLER (NZ)** (9)		59	83	**51.00**
4	24s52	**MEDINAH** (6) (b)	A Bullock	59	100	**★2.25**
5	596s7	**SELVAM** (10)	Matthew Palmer	59	80	**41.00**
6	0	**JAMESY** (4)	Ms M Weir	57.5	90	**21.00**
7	45s56	**JUST BREATHE** (1)	K Jennings	57	90	**17.00**
8	66672	**ULTIMATE REIGN** (8) (hb)	J Van Overmeire	57	92	**11.00**
9	00s75	**EMPRESS OF MILAN** (5)	A Morgan	55.5	82	**21.00**
10	3	**IMAGE OF THE SUN** (11)	G Buckley	55.5	93	**2.50**
11	575s6	**M'LADY'S LUCK** (3) (h)	Ms A Roper (a)	55.5	94	**9.00**

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4 2.20 TAB HANDICAP EQ4 Q1

1450m. $30,000. Class 1. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	5s827	**RURA PENTHE** (5)	A Bullock	60.5	95	**7.00**
2	150s3	**HALLOWED SON** (1) (t)	J Woodhouse	59	93	**11.00**
3	56124	**GOLD SMILES** (10) (w)	K Jennings	56.5	91	**13.00**
4	1	**MY RIVIERA** (9) (w)	A Morgan	56.5	100	**★3.50**
5	721	**OUTBACK CRUMPET** (11) (dh)	Ms M Weir	56.5	91	**8.00**
6	3s31	**ZIPPO IDEA** (7) (tw)	R Jones	56.5	99	**4.75**
7	37491	**POWER TO DECEIVE** (12) (h)	Ms C Houlgate (a2)	55.5	95	**11.00**
8	77s45	**WHITE ARENDELLE** (2) (wh)	Ms J Duggan	55.5	94	**9.00**
9	77481	**ARTELIMAR** (6) (h)	Ms A Roper (a)	55	99	**13.00**
10	8s465	**IRISH KIN** (4) (wh)	J Van Overmeire	55	85	**26.00**
11	99987	**RANSOMING** (8) (dw)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	55	81	**34.00**
12	38s19	**READY FOR LIFT OFF** (3)	G Buckley	55	87	**26.00**

MY RIVIERA 1, Zippo Idea 2, Rura Penthe 3, Outback Crumpet 4

THE DETAILS

RAIL: Out 3m from the 1000m to the 300m, cutaway applies, true for the remainder. **TRACK:** Soft (5)

5 3.00 GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP DD1 Q2

1000m. $27,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	5s623	**SUPER STORY** (9)	R Jones	59	90	**5.00**
2	89s	**SMART JAZZ** (10)	A Bullock	58.5	87	**34.00**
3		**THE BENTLEY** (6)	A Gibbons	58.5	84	**41.00**
4	6	**BEERSMADEFROMWATER** (12)	Scratched	57.5		–
5	s632s	**SKY ARTIST** (8)	H Van Der Hoven	57.5	100	**4.00**
6	4s764	**CATCHY TUNES** (13)	Scratched	57		–
7	5674s	**UNCLE ALF** (7)		57	93	**9.00**
8		**CORDIALITY** (5)	J Van Overmeire	56.5	87	**15.00**
9		**ROCKBARTON FASHION** (4)	C Reith	56.5	75	**21.00**
10	s0s90	**AL'S ROSE** (14)	D Mc Lellan	56	75	**101.00**
11	5s63	**CLAN D'ORO** (11)	Ms A Roper (a)	56	100	**★3.50**
12	s9878	**UFANA** (1)	M Bell	56	87	**51.00**
13	67280	**VINLAGO** (3) (h)	D Northey	56	82	**51.00**
14	06257	**WAR WINGS** (2)	Ms R Bennett Rapp (a3)	56	84	**34.00**

CLAN D'ORO 1, Sky Artist 2, Super Story 3, Uncle Alf 4

SUPER STORY (S I Singleton) 4G By Supido - Persian Fable (10:0-3-1): Battled away gamely 3/4 len 2nd of 10 (8) $17.00 59.0 Tarabeau 1100m Scone Mdn Good(4) Dec 19. Laid out in straight when 3-1/4 len, 1-1/4 len 3rd of 14 (5) $4.80 55.0 Magnucat 900m Muswellbrook Mdn Soft(5) Jan 4. Primed to strike. On the speed but had no answer late here last start. Must be considered.

SMART JAZZ (L J Fairhall) 5G By Smart Missile - Real Jazz (IRE) (2:0-0-0): Began awkwardly when 7-1/2 len 8th of 11 (2) $13.00 59.0 Justira 1000m Kembla Grange MDN PLATE Soft(5) Sep 10. Positioned midfield when 9 len 9th of 12 (3) $61.00 58.5 Lanrioli 1300m Goulburn Mdn Hcp Good(4) Sep 23. Had the benefit of 1/2 len 2nd of 8 (2) Sharkhop 800m Beaumont 4yo+ (Barrier Trial) Heavy(8) Jan 5. First-up from lengthy break. Formerly with Joseph Pride. Safely held at both runs to date. Not fancied.

THE BENTLEY (M S Minervini) 3G By Exceed And Excel - The Hamptons (0:0-0-0): Kicks off hereafter 5-1/4 len 7th of 8 (7) Sleeping Lion 800m Beaumont 3yo (Barrier Trial) Heavy(8) Jan 5. Trials: (2:0-0-0). Unplaced in trials. Monitor betting moves.

BEERSMADEFROMWATER: Scratched.

SKY ARTIST (Annabel Neasham) 3F By Trapeze Artist - Little Bit a Love (8:0-1-2): Resumed with 1 len, hd 3rd of 6 (5) $1.70 56.0 Tawfiq Star 1000m Goulburn Mdn Good(4) Aug 7. Hit line hard in nk 2nd of 9 (7) $4.40 56.0 Hot Bandit 1100m Scone Mdn Soft(6) Aug 21. Prepared for this with 2-1/4 len win of 9 (1) Sky Artist 808m Warwick Farm 3yo+ (Barrier Trial) Soft(5) Jan 2. First-up. Trialled well for return. Strong claims.

CATCHY TUNES: Scratched.

UNCLE ALF (G McFarlane) 5G By Super One - Miss Murphy's Law (4:0-0-0): Hampered at start when 7-3/4 len 7th of 9 (9) $51.00 59.0 Gaylebeck 900m Newcastle Mdn Plate Good(3) Feb 4. Keen, Lame 2/5 when 5-3/4 len 4th of 7 (3) $31.00 56.0 Bundeena 1200m Gosford Mdn Good(4) Feb 18. Resuming. Back to country level. Not out of this.

CORDIALITY (Matthew Smith) 3F By Zoustar - Graciousness (0:0-0-0): Kicks off hereafter 3-1/4 len 6th of 8 (6) Late Night Talking 1030m Rosehill 3yo+ (Barrier Trial) Good(4) Dec 18. Trials: (6:0-0-0). Hasn't shown up at the trials. Monitor betting moves.

ROCKBARTON FASHION (D I Atkins) 3F By Prized Icon - Lady Be Great (0:0-0-0): Kicks off hereafter 3/4 len win of 9 (1) Rockbarton Fashion 800m Beaumont 3yo (Barrier Trial) Heavy(8) Jan 5. Trials: (3:1-1-0). Looked good at the trials. Monitor betting moves.

AL'S ROSE (T E Ollerton) 6M By No Nay Never (USA) - Parjinka (6:0-0-0): Reared at start, Lost Ground, Keen when 10 len 9th of 10 (4) $81.00 55.5 Tingler 1000m Tamworth Mdn Good(4) Dec 12. Slowly away when 10 len 11th of 14 (3) $101.00 53.5 Magnucat 900m Muswellbrook Mdn Soft(5) Jan 4. Record doesn't flatter. Awkwardly drawn. Not fancied.

CLAN D'ORO (J A Sylvester) 3F By Bolt D'oro (USA) - Clandise (3:0-0-1): First-up finished 6-1/2 len 6th of 11 (11) $12.00 56.0 Hybrid Moments 975m Swan Hill 3yo+ Mdn Good(4) Nov 26. Gave good sight 1/2 len, 2-1/4 len 3rd of 5 (1) $19.00 56.0 Herbert Park 1000m Werribee 3yo Mdn Heavy(8) Dec 10. Freshened. Formerly with Ben, Will & Jd Hayes. Capable type. Improved showing at Werribee at latest. Commands respect.

UFANA (Jay Hopkins) 3F By Aylmerton - Una Fuerza (USA) (6:0-0-0): Reasonable effort 7 len 7th of 7 (2) $31.00 55.0 Golden Cow 900m Newcastle 3yo Mdn Soft(6) Dec 2. Began awkwardly when 7 len 8th of 10 (3) $151.00 55.0 Dize 1000m Gosford Midway 3yo Mdn Good(4) Dec 31. Record doesn't flatter. This is easier but needs to find something extra. Rank outsider.

VINLAGO (D Riley) 5G By I Am Invincible - Lucky Lago (25:0-5-3): Keen when 6 len 8th of 13 (11) $41.00 56.0 Arayaka 1000m Muswellbrook 4yo+ Mdn Good(4) Nov 7. Sound when 10 len 11th of 12 (1) $12.00 56.5 Hell Ofa Toughun 1400m Armidale Mdn Soft(5) Nov 12. Returning from let-up. On the speed but ran out of petrol quickly at Armidale last start. Has had plenty of chances. Cannot entertain.

WAR WINGS (R E Ollerton) 5M By Warhorse (NZ) - Paulini (16:0-1-1): Failed to respond to riding when 2 len 5th of 9 (4) $15.00 54.0 Jo Jo Sun 1000m Muswellbrook Super Mdn Soft(5) Nov 24. Struck interference near 400m when 7 len 7th of 9 (8) $26.00 54.0 Somerton Sniper 1100m Armidale Super Mdn Soft(5) Dec 3. Returning from let-up. Has had plenty of chances. Can't have.

6 3.40 BE AEQUUS MEMBER@MUSWELLBROOK Q3

1280m. $27,000. Maiden. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	23s83	**WEZZA** (13)	A Morgan	59	100	**★3.25**
2	286s	**ETCHED IN TIME** (5)	J Van Overmeire	58.5	93	**7.00**
3		**BLUE AS** (10)	A Bullock	57.5	90	**11.00**
4	7s	**NAMOI RIVER** (2)	H Van Der Hoven	57.5	93	**21.00**
5	5	**PLUCKTEN** (3)	Ms A Roper (a)	57.5	85	**11.00**
6	432s	**ROCKBARTON ISLAND** (9)	C Reith	57.5	92	**7.00**
7	3s52	**ART VOLANT** (1)	Scratched	56.5		–
8	88655	**AAYLA SECURA** (4)	G Buckley	55	90	**13.00**
9	0s9	**AWESOME ICON** (8)	Ms M Weir	55	75	**51.00**
10	070s8	**BIGBETTERBEST** (6) (h)	M Squires	55	76	**51.00**
11	52864	**RANHITA** (7)	A Gibbons	55	90	**11.00**
12	09s80	**SISTER JOSEPHINE** (12) (h)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	55	77	**51.00**
13	78437	**TIME TO TURN** (11)	Ms J Duggan	55	83	**9.00**

WEZZA 1, Time To Turn 2, Etched In Time 3, Rockbarton Island 4

7 4.20 BHP MT ARTHUR HANDICAP DD2 Q4

1280m. $22,000. Benchmark 58 Class 2+. Apprentices can claim.

	FORM	HORSE (BARRIER)	JOCKEY	WGT	RTG	ODDS
1	9s548	**OAKFIELD STORM** (9) (w)	A Bullock	62.5	98	**11.00**
2	18s87	**DEVIL'S INN** (7) (dtcwh)	B Osmond (a2)	60.5	93	**13.00**
3	363s9	**HARD TO DISMISS** (12) (dw)	Ms M Fitzgerald (a2)	60.5	96	**9.00**
4	s4s64	**NAPOLI** (13) (dw)	M Bell	60	99	**6.00**
5	63327	**FOOLISH** (3) (dtcw)	A Morgan	59.5	100	**★4.50**
6	9s400	**TOUGH CASE** (5) (dtcw)	D Mc Lellan	59	87	**13.00**
7	s7299	**PREFER TO BE READY (NZ)** (4) (bw)	J Van Overmeire	58	85	**17.00**
8	27s08	**NOBLE PLUCK** (8) (w)	D Bennett (a3)	57.5	90	**13.00**
9	56633	**SHIKANIC** (11) (twb)	R Jones	57.5	95	**6.00**
10	08840	**DEECE SCENT KISS** (6) (wn)	A Gibbons	56.5	92	**11.00**
11	08185	**ISLEDON** (10) (dtcwb)	Ms A Roper (a)	56.5	99	**8.00**
12	18s00	**MOVIN' DENMAN** (1) (dw)	C Reith	55.5	89	**26.00**
13	70297	**TWITTERSPHERE** (2) (h)	B Cray	55	82	**17.00**

FOOLISH 1, Shikanic 2, Isledon 3, Oakfield Storm 4

OAKFIELD STORM (Ms K Buchanan) 5G By Capitalist - Stormy Lucy (USA) (14:2-2-1): Balanced up midfield when 3-1/4 len 4th of 14 (2) $19.00 60.5 Hellfire Express 1400m Tuncurry Hcp (C2) Good(4) Dec 11. Hampered at start when 6-3/4 len 8th of 11 (8) $51.00 58.5 Little Beginnings 1350m Beaumont F&G (Bm64) Soft(7) Dec 26. Went to line only fairly in similar grade at Beaumont last time out. Back to country level. Worth some thought.

DEVIL'S INN (T S Howlett) 5G By Bull Point - Devils Arcade (19:2-5-2): Slowly away when 9 len 8th of 9 (1) $13.00 58.5 Island Legend 1200m Gosford (Bm68) Good(4) Dec 8. Kept trying 4 len 7th of 12 (8) $21.00 56.0 Mr Wallace 1200m Tamworth Hcp (C3) Soft(5) Dec 24. Freshened. Coming off an average run in similar grade at Tamworth last time out. One for multiples.

HARD TO DISMISS (Ms K Waugh) 5M By All Too Hard - Favourite Miss (29:2-4-10): Keen when 1-1/4 len, 1 len 3rd of 11 (5) $4.60 54.5 Sparks 1200m Scone (Bm66) Good(4) Jul 20. Raced wide without cover when 3 len 9th of 12 (10) $11.00 57.5 Elegant Empress 1000m Muswellbrook Hcp (C2) Soft(5) Jan 4. Battled on fairly here first-up. 2kg claimer engaged. Fitter. Badly drawn. Not out of this.

NAPOLI (Joseph Burges) 9G By Snitzel - City Of Song (26:3-4-1): First-up finished 2 len 6th of 9 (7) $26.00 57.0 Uncertain Terms 1000m Tuncurry (Bm58) Good(4) Dec 11. Beaten but not disgraced when 2 len 4th of 9 (7) $13.00 58.0 October Revolution 1000m Taree (Bm58) Soft(7) Jan 2. Ran home respectably at Taree last outing. Generally gets back in races. Up in distance now. Among the dangers.

FOOLISH (Ms K Waugh) 5G By Nicconi - Doesn't Make Sense (27:2-4-5): Made up late ground for 3/4 len 2nd of 10 (10) $4.80 60.5 She's Jessie 1200m Queanbeyan (Bm58) Heavy(8) Dec 20. Reasonable effort 5 len 7th of 9 (2) $7.00 56.5 Jacenza 1300m Taree (Bm66) Soft(7) Jan 2. Went to line only fairly this level at Taree last outing. Nice gate. Take beating.

TOUGH CASE (J A Sylvester) 8G By Tough Speed (USA) - Double Unique (51:4-9-3): Took up a midfield position when 10 len 10th of 10 (4) $151.00 55.0 Annulus 1200m Newcastle (Bm68) Soft(7) Dec 2. Positioned midfield when 5 len 10th of 12 (8) $21.00 60.0 Taylas One 1000m Taree (Bm62) Soft(6) Jan 9. On a quick backup. Coming off an average run this level at Taree at latest. Place.

PREFER TO BE READY (Jay Hopkins) 5M By Preferment (NZ) - Ready Or Not (NZ) (20:2-4-0): Sound when 4 len 9th of 14 (13) $26.00 55.0 Hellfire Express 1400m Tuncurry Hcp (C2) Good(4) Dec 11. Fair effort in 6 len 9th of 10 (6) $31.00 55.0 Lady Boss 1350m Beaumont F&M (Bm64) Soft(7) Dec 26. Coming off an average run in similar company at Beaumont last time out. Place hope.

NOBLE PLUCK (Wayne Brown) 7G By Pluck (USA) - Attunga Rose (23:2-2-1): On return from break finished 9 len 11th of 13 (5) $20.00 60.0 Obsessive Nature 1000m Warren (Bm60) Good(4) Dec 15. Slowly away when 2-1/4 len 8th of 12 (11) $21.00 59.0 Yael's Delight 1100m Gilgandra (Bm60) Good(3) Dec 30. Ran home respectably at Gilgandra last outing. One for exotics.

SHIKANIC (S I Singleton) 5G By Nicconi - Vanishka (22:2-3-3): Raced wide without cover when 1-1/4 len, 1-1/4 len 3rd of 9 (8) $10.00 54.5 Island Legend 1200m Gosford (Bm68) Good(4) Dec 8. Keen when 1 len, 1/2 len 3rd of 11 (2) $4.20 58.5 Pants On Fire 1200m Dubbo (Bm60) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Made the running but had no answer to challengers at Dubbo last time out. Can play a role.

DEECE SCENT KISS (W T Wilkes) 5M By Kiss And Make Up - Special Deece (16:2-1-3): Fair effort in 3-3/4 len 4th of 9 (3) $3.40 62.5 Igbo 860m Gympie (Bm45) Good(3) Nov 25. Kept trying 4 len 12th of 12 (1) $101.00 55.0 Elegant Empress 1000m Muswellbrook Hcp (C2) Soft(5) Jan 4. Went to line only fairly in similar grade here at latest. Worth some thought.

ISLEDON (P M Perry) 4M By Pride Of Dubai - Isla Canela (USA) (15:2-1-0): Raced three wide when 10 len 8th of 9 (9) $19.00 52.5 Point Basse 1400m Scone Hcp (C3) Good(3) Nov 13. Began awkwardly when 3 len 5th of 9 (3) $27.05 59.0 Miss Arizona 1250m Taree F&M (Bm58) Good(4) Nov 27. Returning from let-up. Ran home respectably at Taree last start. Has claims.

MOVIN' DENMAN (R E Ollerton) 5G By Denman - Risque (26:3-3-3): First-up finished 11 len 10th of 10 (8) $81.00 57.0 Titration 1100m Mudgee (Bm68) Soft(7) Dec 1. Battled away for 8 len 10th of 13 (11) $51.00 60.5 Obsessive Nature 1000m Warren (Bm60) Good(4) Dec 15. Freshened. Formerly with Micheal Pinkin. Ordinary in similar company at Warren last time out. Not likely.

TWITTERSPHERE (Ms K Simpkins) 6M By Press Statement - So Vital (NZ) (35:2-4-1): Kept grinding 5 len 9th of 12 (9) $15.10 05 5.0 Cyclone Rupert 1200m Mudgee (Bm68) Soft(7) Dec 1. Beaten but not disgraced when 5 len 7th of 11 (4) $12.00 55.0 Pants On Fire 1200m Dubbo (Bm60) Soft(6) Dec 23. Freshened. Place.

GEAR CHANGES

RACE 1: (3) Dize pre-race ear muffs on first time; (5) Sippity Sip tongue-tie on first time **RACE 3:** (6) Jamesy blinkers on first time; (11) M'lady's Luck blinkers on first time **RACE 4:** (4) My Riviera cross-over noseband on first time **RACE 5:** (2) Smart Jazz pre-race ear muffs off first time, lugging bit on first time; (3) The Bentley gelded; (4) Beersmadefromwater blinkers off first time; (8) Cordiality pre-race ear muffs on first time, lugging bit on first time; (11) Clan D'oro pre-race ear muffs off first time **RACE 6:** (2) Etched In Time blinkers off first time, cross-over noseband off first time, tongue-tie off first time; (3) Blue As blinkers on first time, gelded; (5) Pluckten tongue-tie on first time; (11) Ranhita blinkers on again, winkers off first time; (13) Time To Turn blinkers off first time, tongue-tie off first time **RACE 7:** (6) Tough Case blinkers off again; (10) Deece Scent Kiss lugging bit on again

RACES LEGEND: b - beaten favourite; **s** - spell; **w** - won in wet; **t** - won at this track; **c** - won at this distance on this track; **d** - won at this distance on another track; **h** - trained on track; **p** - pulled up; **l** - lost rider; **n** - won at night; **f** - fell; **(a)** apprentice rider.

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1 12.03 S. VALENTINE INSURANCE PACE EQ1

1660m. $4060. NR up to 40 PBD Mobile.

1	20797	**DONT YOUBE NAUGHTY**	Alarah Richardson (C)	Fr	30	**31.00**
2	99778	**THE LAST STARFIRE**	Noel Parrish	Fr	30	**51.00**
3	77588	**DARTESIAN**	Scratched	Fr	30	–
4	66656	**MOLLIDOR**	Brendan Barnes	Fr	30	**16.00**
5	56674	**PERFECT FEELING**	Dayl March	Fr	32	**5.50**
6	44908	**IMA BIRUBI BOY**	Dannielle Veivers	Fr	37	**★2.50**
7	96658	**BUSTN FEELZ GOOD**	Mathew Neilson	Fr	37	**11.00**
Second Line						
8	s8365	**MY GIRL BLAZE**	Angus Garrard (C)	Fr	34	**3.80**

PERFECT FEELING 1, Ima Birubi Boy 2, Bustn Feelz Good 3, My Girl Blaze 4

There was merit in the latest effort of **PERFECT FEELING (5)** when he raced three wide with a trail in the latter stages but kept chasing for fourth at Redcliffe. Draws a couple of spots wider but finds a nice race so will take plenty of beating. **IMA BIRUBI BOY (6)** didn't make an impact last start but he drew the back row and was forced to race three wide so it may pay to be forgiving. With his best he can measure right up to these. **BUSTN FEELZ GOOD (7)** may need a bit of luck from the wide draw but he has produced some decent efforts since scoring last month at Marburg. **MY GIRL BLAZE (8)** placed at Redcliffe last month and is drawn for a trail so is in the mix.

2 12.42 KELATO ANIMAL HEALTH PACE EQ2

1660m. $4060. NR up to 40 PBD Mobile.

1	12568	**HESLUVABLE**	Chloe Butler (C)	Fr	38	**7.00**
2	71368	**MY ULTIMATE HESTON**	Angus Garrard (C)	Fr	38	**21.00**
3	52455	**WESTERN ACTION**	Ricky Gordon	Fr	38	**11.00**
4	63549	**KIWI ROYALTY**	Noel Parrish	Fr	37	**26.00**
5	81856	**THREE MACHS**	Leonard Cain	Fr	39	**13.00**
6	79417	**DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN**	Mathew Neilson	Fr	39	**5.50**
7	49645	**DEAD SET CRAZY**	Matt Elkins	Fr	51	**31.00**
Second Line						
8	73291	**MUSTANG DUDE**	Gary Whitaker	Fr	40	**4.00**
9	44543	**ROCCO VARIETY**	Brendan Barnes	Fr	40	**★2.20**

HESLUVABLE 1, Dead Set Crazy 2, Western Action 3, Mustang Dude 4

HESLUVABLE (1) has been coming from wider or second row barriers of late but he recorded a win and a second at this circuit the last two times he had the ace draw so is much better served today. **DEAD SET CRAZY (7)** made mistakes in his first two outings after a spell but paced cleanly despite an awkward getaway from the stand last start to get within 5m of the winner. That will have brought him to peak fitness and he looks better placed behind a mobile. **WESTERN ACTION (3)** was runner up from a wider barrier here four back and hasn't been too far off the placegetters since. Drawn to play a role. **MUSTANG DUDE (8)** comes off a last-start win by 1.2 metres at Marburg and is drawn for a trail so could get into the finish.

NR30-120 - National Rating of each horse falls between 30 and 120. **RBD** - Random barrier draw. **PBD** - Preferential barrier draw. **ODM** - Out of the draw in mobiles. **RODM** - Right out of the draw in mobiles. **ODS** - Out of the draw in stands. **RODS** - Right out of the draw in stands. **EOD** - Moved to extreme outside draw. **RHCP** - Rehandicapped. **TR** - Trotter. **C&G** - Colts & geldings. **(C)** - Concession driver. **(C,3/5)** - Concession driver to claim 3 or 5 NR points

3 1.17 GARRARDS HORSE & HOUND PACE EQ3

2138m. $4180. 2 Wins No NR PBD/LTW Mobile.

1	31979	**ULTIMATE HUNTER**	Mathew Neilson	Fr	49	**5.00**
2	s3511	**NAUTIE GALVINATOR**	Matt Elkins	Fr	53	**★1.50**
3	54752	**CERTAINLYCALLITIN**	Dayl March	Fr	43	**11.00**
4	26188	**ROCKTIME**	Leonard Cain	Fr	46	**26.00**
5	79799	**ONE CHAIN ROAD**	Brendan Barnes	Fr	47	**21.00**
6	96788	**LADY ANTHEIA**	Angus Garrard (C)	Fr	41	**41.00**
7	s8981	**KISS ON THE BEACH**	Ricky Gordon	Fr	51	**31.00**
Second Line						
8	97399	**ASTROPHILIA**	Chloe Butler (C)	Fr	45	**16.00**

NAUTIE GALVINATOR 1, Kiss On The Beach 2, Rocktime 3, Ultimate Hunter 4

NAUTIE GALVINATOR (2) has been hard to fault of late and made it two wins in a row at Redcliffe when successful at his latest appearance, coming from a wider barrier to get home by 3 metres. Likely to get all the favours from this nice draw so can land the hat trick. **KISS ON THE BEACH (7)** broke through for the first win of the preparation last start when she scored by a head at Redcliffe. May need a bit of luck negotiating a wide starting position but will be at peak fitness. **ROCKTIME (4)** looks better placed having scored in this grade at Redcliffe three starts back when off this same barrier. The ace draw can see an improved showing from **ULTIMATE HUNTER (1)**.

4 1.52 PRYDE'S EASIFEED RACING CUBE EQ4 Q1 Q4

1660m. $4060. NR up to 40 PBD Mobile.

1	66726	**MISS PAU**	Ricky Gordon	Fr	30	**15.00**
2	26920	**LORD DENZEL**	Angus Garrard (C)	Fr	35	**26.00**
3	37559	**BABY GINNIE**	Mathew Neilson	Fr	36	**31.00**
4	43270	**IT AINT ROYAL**	Dannielle Veivers	Fr	37	**9.00**
5	660s2	**MY SECRET BEACH**	Chloe Butler (C)	Fr	38	**3.80**
6	57513	**LETS SAVE THE DAY NZ**	Noel Parrish	Fr	40	**★2.10**
7	31775	**CALL ME TRISH**	Brendan Barnes	Fr	40	**7.50**
Second Line						
8	64188	**CIRCLE LINE**	Gary Whitaker	Fr	38	**11.00**
9	89856	**BATMAN BART**	Adam Richardson	Fr	39	**5.00**

SELECTIONS BY: Racing And Sports

LETS SAVE THE DAY 1, My Secret Beach 2, Lord Denzel 3, It Aint Royal 4

LETS SAVE THE DAY (6) finished strongly to score by close to 2m at Redcliffe two starts ago before working when racing wide but sticking on to place in his latest appearance at Marburg. Draws out but if things go his way he can play a big role. **MY SECRET BEACH (5)** made a nice return from a back row draw at his latest appearance eight days ago, finishing 1.2 metres away in second at Marburg. Should strip fitter so can keep the ball rolling. **LORD DENZEL (2)** draws lower than in his latest attempt and was solid two back when runner up at Redcliffe from a second row draw. Contender. **IT AINT ROYAL (4)** eases back in grade and has claims off a couple of recent placings at Redcliffe.

5 2.27 SAME RACE MULTI PACE DD1 Q2

2138m. $4180. NR46 to 51 PBD Mobile.

1	63977	**CHARLIE CHUCKLES**	Layne Dwyer (C,5)	Fr	47	**4.20**
2	84753	**MUCHO GUAPA**	Mathew Neilson	Fr	46	**26.00**
3	19999	**DONNY JONES NZ**	Nathan Rothwell (C,5)	Fr	48	**17.00**
4	12711	**GRACENAVA**	Gary Whitaker	Fr	48	**★2.00**
5	16648	**JAKKI MUN**	Brendan Barnes	Fr	49	**21.00**
6	312s	**GIDUP CAPTAIN**	Brittany Graham	Fr	51	**8.00**
7	83575	**NEVADA YANKEE**	Angus Garrard (C)	Fr	51	**15.00**
Second Line						
8	61667	**STRUTTY**	Leonard Cain	Fr	50	**6.00**

GRACENAVA 1, Gidup Captain 2, Strutty 3, Charlie Chuckles 4

GRACENAVA (4) continues to race well and is building an impressive strike rate at this circuit. Led from this same barrier when winning well last week so expect her to push forward again. Has strong claims. **GIDUP CAPTAIN (6)** resumes off strong form having gone to the paddock following a string of wins and placings. Last appeared when second at Redcliffe in October after winning his previous two outings at that circuit. Likely to run a big race to kick off this campaign. **STRUTTY (8)** hasn't had the best of luck of late but is drawn for a trail and owns a good strike rate at this distance. The ace draw can see an improved showing from **CHARLIE CHUCKLES (1)**.

6 3.07 LUNCHBOX LODGE SPELLING PACE Q3

1660m. $4060. NR56 to 70 PBD Mobile.

1	75587	**FLARE UP**	Matt Elkins	Fr	60	**★3.00**
2	78745	**BRIAN CHRISTOPHER NZ**	Brendan Barnes	Fr	53	**21.00**
3	45645	**ARTFUL MAID**	Dayl March	Fr	59	**4.50**
4	94159	**GOLDEN BAY NZ**	Brittany Graham	Fr	54	**3.80**
5	23449	**BONNIES CAM**	Paige Bevan (C)	Fr	58	**8.00**
6	70840	**JOHNSON STEP NZ**	Alarah Richardson (C,5)	Fr	72	**41.00**
7	59738	**AQUA SANCTA NZ**	Nathan Rothwell (C)	Fr	68	**31.00**
Second Line						
8	9958s	**NICKS PICK**	Angus Garrard (C)	Fr	59	**9.50**

BONNIES CAM 1, Golden Bay 2, Flare Up 3, Brian Christopher 4

BONNIES CAM (5) led and faded when well fancied in a stronger race last time but had been going very well before that with a string of top-four finishes. Looks nicely placed in this line-up so prepared to give him another chance. **GOLDEN BAY (4)** had to work last start so it may pay to forgive that result. Led in scoring three starts back and all of his wins have come at this circuit and distance. Can bounce back. **FLARE UP (1)** has been coming from wider or second row barriers of late so can turn things around from the ace draw. **BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (2)** hasn't been too far from the placegetters of late and is in the mix from a favourable draw.

7 3.47 AQWA CONSTRUCTIONS PACE DD2 Q4

1660m. $4060. NR 41 to 45 PBD Mobile.

1	31369	**ROCKNROLL DA GAMA**	Chloe Butler (C)	Fr	41	**15.00**
2	38174	**SUBTLE ADVICE**	Gary Whitaker	Fr	41	**21.00**
3	99698	**MULLUM BOY**	Dayl March	Fr	42	**101.00**
4	88151	**FRAME DRIVE**	Adam Richardson	Fr	42	**26.00**
5	88981	**COURAGEOUS LEO**	Dean Weller	Fr	45	**8.00**
6	9678s	**MORETTA**	Nathan Rothwell (C)	Fr	44	**51.00**
7	776s7	**RUBINI**	Brendan Barnes	Fr	45	**41.00**
Second Line						
8	1545s	**SPELLMAKERS CHARM**	Angus Garrard (C)	Fr	51	**11.00**
9	55581	**CHEDDAR MADE BETA NZ**	Leonard Cain	Fr	44	**3.80**
10	1318s	**HARRYS DEAL NZ**	Brittany Graham	Fr	53	**★1.60**

HARRYS DEAL 1, Cheddar Made Beta 2, Spellmakers Charm 3, Subtle Advice 4

HARRYS DEAL (10) is a lightly raced former Kiwi who won on his Australian debut at this circuit last campaign. Has not raced for four months but looks forward enough for the return after a minor placing in a recent trial. Progressive and can overcome the draw for a first-up win. **CHEDDAR MADE BETA (9)** found form last start to score by 3 metres at Redcliffe. Draws on the back row but with a touch of luck he can keep the ball rolling. **SPELLMAKERS CHARM (8)** resumes after five months having produced some decent form at her maiden campaign. Has trialled so look out for any positive market movement. **SUBTLE ADVICE (2)** draws well and is worth some thought off a Redcliffe win three back.

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TAB PINJARRA HARNESS
TODAY **TAB CODE: WH**

DAILY DOUBLE 5 & 7
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 6, 7, 8
QUADDIE 5, 6, 7, 8

1 2.42 LIGHTNING LAP SERIES PACE EQ1
1177m. $9057. 3yo & up L2/5 NE HWOE $12,000+ PBD Mobile.

1	55676	TORREVEAN PINKY	Emily Suvaljko	Fr	12.00
2	94546	TORREVEAN VELOCE	Kyle Symington (C)	Fr	26.00
3	1264s	GEARS IN A WHIRL	Briana Edman (C)	Fr	11.00
4	18s37	ALWAYS BE TEDDY	Gary Hall Jnr	Fr	6.00
5	19963	I WILL NEVER KNOW	Trent Wheeler	Fr	26.00
6	43154	SWEET LUCIFER	Shannon Suvaljko	Fr	*2.50
7	51429	REG LAWSON	Shannon Suvaljko	Fr	8.00
8	2218s	SCUTTLEBUTT	Chris Voak	Fr	4.00

SWEET LUCIFER 1, Scuttlebutt 2, Reg Lawson 3, Always Be Teddy 4

2 3.15 FIONA CROSS TROT EQ2
2116m. $9360. 3yo & up Trotters L1+ HWOE $0+ RBD Stand.

1	3360s	THE HONOURS NZ	Wayne Price	Fr	51.00
2	77737	BONNIE RAE	Lauren Harper	20	5.00
3	11874	UPTOWN LAD	Kyle Harper	30	*1.40
4	93564	TENNERSON	Dean Miller	40	18.00
5	76825	BEE BEE BEROC	Garry Johnson	40	8.00
6	92449	STAY FOCUSED	Chris Voak	60	26.00
7	85669	LINE THE STARZZZ	Dylan Egerton-Green	80	21.00

UPTOWN LAD 1, Bonnie Rae 2, Bee Bee Beroc 3, Line The Starzzz 4

3 3.55 LIGHTNING LAP SERIES PACE EQ3
1177m. $9057. 3yo & up F&M L1/5 NE HWOE $12,000+ PBD Mobile.

1	89884	LILLY LAGUNA (EM1)	Briana Edman (C)	Fr	51.00
2	65744	SYNCOPATION	Gary Hall Jnr	Fr	15.00
3	2s535	AMERICAN MONARCH	Aiden De Campo	Fr	5.00
4	18804	SHES A LUCKY PENNY	Trent Wheeler	Fr	71.00
5	18408	CONSTELLATIONJEWEL	Stuart McDonald	Fr	51.00
6	31656	AMERICAN DUTCHESS	Shannon Suvaljko	Fr	26.00
7	314s1	ZARA TINDALL NZ	Chris Voak	Fr	*1.45
8	43531	NANCY KAY	Kyle Harper	Fr	15.00
9	0s121	LUCI KANE	Maddison Brown	Fr	9.00

ZARA TINDALL 1, American Monarch 2, Luci Kane 3, Syncopation 4

4 4.28 ALINA FRANEC PACE EQ4
1684m. $9360. 3yo & up Maiden (HWOE = $0) RBD Mobile.

1	26s22	CHACO EAGLE	Tonia Stampalia	Fr	*1.50
2	74980	KRIPKE	Barry Giudice	Fr	26.00
3	s2323	SONGSTER	Dean Miller	Fr	6.00
4	8s	INTERNAL WAVES	Garry Butler	Fr	34.00
5	30425	VEEFORVICTORY	Chris Voak	Fr	8.00
6	65302	SWEET ROSEY	Chris Lewis	Fr	11.00
7	60760	JUST A HAPPY MAN	Dennis Wych	Fr	34.00
Second Line					
8	509s	JINGLING JEWELS	Briana Edman (C)	Fr	26.00
9	66776	OUR MUSICAL MOTION	Aldo Cortopassi	Fr	41.00

CHACO EAGLE 1, Songster 2, Sweet Rosey 3, Veeforvictory 4

5 5.04 LIGHTNING LAP SERIES PACE DD1 Q1
1177m. $9057. 3yo & up L2/5 NE HWOE $12,000+ PBD Mobile.

1	00s59	EASTON ROBIN NZ	Kyle Symington (C)	Fr	51.00
2	05959	ZAC YOUR NOBODY	Toby Lynn (C)	Fr	21.00
3	94s20	YANI YANI	Maddison Brown	Fr	11.00
4	02740	BEALAWYER	Shannon Suvaljko	Fr	21.00
5	r8126	BRODIE BOY	Aiden De Campo	Fr	5.00
6	667s1	HENRY MAGUIRE NZ	Chris Voak	Fr	*1.85
7	62124	COLORADO BANNER NZ	Gary Hall Jnr	Fr	4.00

HENRY MAGUIRE 1, Colorado Banner 2, Brodie Boy 3, Yani Yani 4

6 5.37 RICK CROSS PACE Q2
2185m. $9360. 3yo & up F&M L5/7NE HWOE $25,000+ PBD Mobile.

1	50422	IMA TINY DANCER	Maddison Brown	Fr	4.00
2	13622	QUATTROSE	Dylan Egerton-Green	Fr	*2.60
3	77850	YANKEE DELIGHT NZ	Garry Johnson	Fr	91.00
4	2bs75	GO HOME JO	Toby Lynn (C)	Fr	26.00
5	14454	TORREVEANAMY	Shannon Suvaljko	Fr	34.00
6	91361	BRAMANTE STEPS	Kyle Harper	Fr	3.50
7	67621	STARS OF GOLD	Chris Voak	Fr	34.00
Second Line					
8	56767	MADDY ROCKS	Callan Suvaljko	Fr	15.00
9	55943	PONZI BEACH	Chris Lewis	Fr	9.00

QUATTROSE 1, Ima Tiny Dancer 2, Bramante Steps 3, Ponzi Beach 4

7 6.02 LIGHTNING LAP SERIES PACE DD2 Q3
1177m. $9057. 3yo & up L6/7(CL8) HWOE LT $25,000 PBD Mobile.

1	69800	SUNPATRA (EM2)	Gary Hall Jnr	Fr	9.00
2	56976	ALL AUSSIE MACH (EM)	(ccl)	Fr	11.00
3	44403	ALEXANDRA THEGREAT	Stuart McDonald	Fr	12.00
4	26653	MISTER PICCOLO	Dylan Egerton-Green	Fr	8.00
5	69952	JADES FORTUNE	Kyle Symington (C)	Fr	26.00
6	61778	IDEAL WHITBY	Aaron Suvaljko (C)	Fr	16.00
7	45861	YA BETTOR FOLLOWME	Trent Wheeler	Fr	21.00
8	66154	STAR LILLY		Fr	5.50
9	59142	TANTABIDDI	Mitchell Miller	Fr	*1.80
10	10s38	MAGIC EYE MICK	Lorne Steer	Fr	11.00

TANTABIDDI 1, Star Lilly 2, Mister Piccolo 3, Magic Eye Mick 4

8 6.33 WESTCOAST WASTE AUSTRALIND PACE Q4
2116m. $9360. 3yo & up L6+ HWOE $12,000+ RBD Stand.

1	s5314	TROUBLE SUPREME NZ	Ryan Warwick	Fr	11.00
2	0s818	BILLY TO THE MAX	Trent Wheeler	Fr	51.00
3	01322	LOUIE LEBEAU NZ	Callan Suvaljko	Fr	14.00
4	63s69	THE WILDCARD	Aiden De Campo	Fr	18.00
5	7s688	SKIPPYS DELIGHT NZ	Gary Hall Jnr	Fr	34.00
6	1156s	FLY TO FAME	Chris Lewis	10	7.00
7	11133	GALAXY WARRIOR	Shannon Suvaljko	10	4.50
8	28221	ROCK ARTIST	Chris Voak	10	*1.90
9	99047	GENERAL JOLT	Aldo Cortopassi	20	71.00
10	58508	PIVOTAL	Darren Schofield	20	91.00
11	19897	BATAVIA BLACKHOLE	Aaron Suvaljko (C,cl)	20	126.00
12	44850	SEEKNYOUSHALLFIND	Emily Suvaljko	20	126.00

ROCK ARTIST 1, Galaxy Warrior 2, Trouble Supreme 3, Fly To Fame 4

9 7.11 LIGHTNING LAP SERIES PACE
1177m. $9057. 3yo & up L8/9 (CL10) Conditioned PBD Mobile.

1	0000s	REGAL CHEVAL	Maddison Brown	Fr	3.80
2	9s506	MISTA EDITORIAL NZ	Dylan Egerton-Green	Fr	26.00
3	66049	STREET APPEAL NZ	Callan Suvaljko	Fr	18.00
4	990s2	HES A COOL MACH	Michael Brennan	Fr	6.50
5	603rs	AZTERIAN	Kyle Symington (C)	Fr	14.00
6	1462s	ROCKIN RUFUS	Trent Wheeler	Fr	18.00
7	89411	SOHO SANTORINI	Mitchell Miller	Fr	*1.75

SOHO SANTORINI 1, Regal Cheval 2, Hes A Cool Mach 3, Azterian 4

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TAB BUNDABERG GREYS
TODAY **TAB CODE: LG**

DAILY DOUBLE 6 & 8
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 6, 7, 8
QUADDIE 5, 6, 7, 8

1 11.57 RACE REVOLUTION
Maiden 315m.

Bx	PS	Dog	PB	PPO
1	55475	SMUDGED	FSTD	$19.60
2		BARRY'S BOY	FSH	$5.60
3	85	MOVE OVER HONEY	FSTD	$24.20
4	22	SUNBURNT RIDGE	NBT	$3.30
5	45335	MIA JET	NBT	$3.30
6	5	SOUNDS LUCKY	FSTD	$10.30
7	47	LIVE CHAT	SCR	–
8	84245	EMILY'S A SORT	FSH	$3.30
9	657	SUNBURNT NIKKI Res.	FSTD	$34
10	87885	GUNYAH MATE Res.	NBT	$51

EMILY'S A SORT 1, Sunburnt Ridge 2, Mia Jet 3, Barry's Boy 4

2 12.12 ISFAB
Maiden 460m.

1	6	JILLIBY ENGINE	NBT	$21
2	4	PARIS CAN WAIT	NBT	$2.50
3	37872	GARDELL	NBT	$5
4	76563	CHEEKY CHAN	NBT	$17
5	2	JILLIBY JUNIOR	NBT	$6
6	76288	STAMP URGENT	FSH	$11
7	26364	POWER UP ANNIE	NBT	$6
8	35484	KINGSBRAE TAY	FSTD	$6

PARIS CAN WAIT 1, Gardell 2, Kingsbrae Tay 3, Jilliby Junior 4

3 12.32 SKY RACING
Novice Non Penalty 460m.

1	2221	GALAXIES	27.17	$3
2	42651	FEROCIOUS LILLY	26.66	$2.50
3	64846	DUKE OF BOB	FSH	$26
4	36528	SHORT AND BLONDE	FSH	$9
5	33126	MR. MISTER	27.59	$13
6	75846	LITTLE MELISSA	FSH	$26
7	62713	CANYA FLY	26.71	$6
8	77422	RAPID POPEYE	NBT	$11

FEROCIOUS LILLY 1, Galaxies 2, Canya Fly 3, Short And Blonde 4

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4 12.47 GREYS MAKE GREAT PETS
Mixed 4/5 315m.

1	65881	HOT SHOT BEAR	18.27	$21
2	11221	JOSIE HOOK	FSTD	$2
3	33324	WHY HARMONY	NBT	$8
4	27567	TRELOAR BALE	NBT	$26
5		Vacant Box		
6	51176	SYSTEMS DOWN	FSTD	$5
7	46742	SPRINGVIEW MAGIC	NBT	$5
8	18868	TAMING STRANGE	FSH	$6

JOSIE HOOK 1, Systems Down 2, Springview Magic 3, Why Harmony 4

5 1.07 GLOBAL TURF
Grade 5 460m.

1	37544	WHISPERS	26.93	$6
2	57764	DARK ENERGON	NBT	$41
3	45341	EVIL EVEE	26.66	$9
4	64748	STOMP	NBT	$26
5		Vacant Box		
6	16735	SHORT FUSE	FSH	$3.50
7	51684	PIERCE	NBT	$3
8	17775	WAS A GENIUS	FSH	$3

PIERCE 1, Was A Genius 2, Short Fuse 3, Whispers 4

6 1.22 CRAFT RENTALS
Grade 5 460m.

1	31532	STREET SCANDAL	NBT	$8
2	45364	LET'S GO DAISY	FSH	$2.20
3	71516	LONE HUNTER	NBT	$6
4	61663	LEO GIBBS	26.46	$17
5	76718	RIGHTEOUS BALE	FSH	$21
6	48362	MY DREAM GIRL	NBT	$3.20
7	74273	COSMIC BRUCE	NBT	$8
8	56776	COULD HAVE BEEN	NBT	$41

LET'S GO DAISY 1, My Dream Girl 2, Cosmic Bruce 3, Street Scandal 4

7 1.42 UNCLE RUSTY'S PHOTOS
Mixed 4/5 460m.

1	23345	JUST LIKE MICK	NBT	$17
2	43621	FAIZA BALE	26.68	$8
3	23423	HEIDI HOOK	26.08	$4
4	53316	BLESS SHOE	26.93	$21
5		Vacant Box		
6	28326	ETHAN'S THUNDER	26.37	$4
7	63431	SHERMAN	26.19	$8
8	11524	PACKHAM PRINCE	NBT	$2.50

ETHAN'S THUNDER 1, Packham Prince 2, Heidi Hook 3, Faiza Bale 4

8 1.57 COUNTRY CUP
Open Semi-Final 531m.

1	42233	DE VANTIER	NBT	$41
2	24231	ALPHA HUMBUG	30.24	$4.50
3	45232	MISS SLIMM	30.05	$3.50
4	12521	DIFFERENT DRUM	30.24	$2
5	12733	TIKARNI	NBT	$17
6	36652	CASE DISMISSED	30.32	$13
7	61354	KOOLBOO SUPREME	NBT	$41
8	11844	DODGY MICK	NBT	$41
9	23345	JUST LIKE MICK Res.	NBT	$51

DIFFERENT DRUM 1, Miss Slimm 2, Alpha Humbug 3, Case Dismissed 4

9 2.17 WALKER ST BAKERY
Grade 5 315m.

1	78557	FRANK FOOTLUCE	18.01	$13
2	34745	GHOST PRINCE	17.95	$11
3	84126	ATTORNEY AT LAW	NBT	$4
4	22686	CALM SEA	17.98	$6
5	88672	HANK TANK	NBT	$6
6	17678	ORSON CHARLI	NBT	$11
7	73455	RIFLE MAN	NBT	$3
8	63858	WILD OATES	NBT	$21

RIFLE MAN 1, Attorney At Law 2, Calm Sea 3, Hank Tank 4

10 2.33 MUNN'S PLUMBING
Grade 5 315m.

1	53465	NEED A LAWYER	NBT	$8
2	33684	CAMBLA CLOWN	18.43	$3
3	74887	FABIO'S ETHICS	NBT	$41
4	31135	LITTLE FAWN BEAR	NBT	$3
5	72478	LOVE LETTER	FSH	$11
6	14447	BIG JIM BUZZ	NBT	$11
7	76785	VOLDEMONT	NBT	$17
8	73545	ENDLESS DANCING	FSTD	$5

CAMBLA CLOWN 1, Little Fawn Bear 2, Endless Dancing 3, Need A Lawyer 4

11 2.49 EAST END HOTEL
Grade 5 315m.

1	61583	CASH STRAP	17.94	$5.50
2	28853	SLEEPY JOE	18.23	$3
3	73788	JUST OUR LUCK	NBT	$41
4	48763	BIG WEDNESDAY	NBT	$13
5	76714	DESPICABLE PRYCE	18.45	$8
6	41888	COME ON LIZZY	NBT	$6
7	25768	HANSEN'S BOY	FSH	$13
8	62537	CAMBLA MIRICLE	18.33	$4

SLEEPY JOE 1, Cambla Miricle 2, Cash Strap 3, Come On Lizzy 4

TAB MARYBOROUGH HARNESS
TODAY **TAB CODE: MH**

DAILY DOUBLE 5 & 7
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 6, 7, 8
QUADDIE 5, 6, 7, 8

1 11.52 CARISBROOK MOTORS PACE EQ1
1690m. $4500. NR 45 to 55 PBD Mobile.

1	24637	OHHEMMJAYCRESCO	Gary Pekin	Fr	41	8.00
2	05742	DOOO DONT THINK	Alex Ashwood	Fr	51	8.00
3	99s92	SPORTS WRACK	Ewa Justice (C)	Fr	52	5.00
4	05636	BUDD SIDEWINDER	Jack Laugher	Fr	54	5.00
5	59463	ROCKETS MATE	Ellen Tormey	Fr	55	5.00
6	42737	RUBY WINGATE	Ryan Duffy	Fr	55	*3.50
7	8s0r0	TREACHEROUSTIMES	Glenn Bull	Fr	46	8.00
Second Line						
8	5s6	MY GREAT EIGHT	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	49	13.00

RUBY WINGATE 1, Rockets Mate 2, Budd Sidewinder 3, Treacheroustimes 4

2 12.27 MARY. HIGHLAND SOCIETY PACE EQ2
2190m. $7000. 3yo Pacers Maiden RBD Mobile.

1		MARLO MAREAU	Katrina Cain	Fr	50	13.00
2	6s59	LETSGETROWDY	Chris Svanosio	Fr	48	5.50
3	7s4	LONGTAN VIPER	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	49	8.50
4	45222	COOPER CLEAVER	Michael Bellman	Fr	49	*3.00
5	37	SOHO SOLITAIRE	Michael Stanley	Fr	49	5.00
6	r7s78	HARRO HILL	Josh Duggan	Fr	47	15.00
7	0s695	COBARGO WARLOCK	Michelle Phillips	Fr	47	8.50
Second Line						
8	65s38	HEAVENS GIFT	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	49	6.50
9	6935	SUE NIEN	Ewa Justice (C)	Fr	48	11.00

COOPER CLEAVER 1, Letsgetrowdy 2, Heavens Gift 3, Soho Solitaire 4

3 1.02 MARYBOROUGH GOLF CLUB PACE EQ3
1690m. $4500. NR up to 45 PBD Mobile.

1	24670	ACE DUIGAN	Daniel Mannix (C)	Fr	30	8.00
2	34688	GOODTIME STRYKER	Jackie Barker	Fr	31	11.00
3	8177r	BETTERTHANFLYHIGH	Glenn Bull	Fr	38	11.00
4	05198	SUGOI ALTO	Michael Bellman	Fr	38	*4.50
5	s7744	MIDNIGHT MUSIC	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	40	8.50
6	0s935	DANCIN DOLLY	Katrina Cain	Fr	40	8.50
7	36566	MY SHANIA	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	40	8.50
Second Line						
8	46739	SILVER DOMINO	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	37	5.00
9	16551	ALL GOOD (EM1)	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	43	
10	97867	CLARENDEN SCOOTER	Ryan Duffy	Fr	43	*4.50
11	75860	SWEET FACE	Sean O'Sullivan (C)	Fr	30	26.00

SUGOI ALTO 1, Clarenden Scooter 2, Silver Domino 3, Ace Duigan 4

4 1.37 COMMUNITY BANK BRANCHES EQ4
2190m. $4500. Trotters NR up to 45 PBD Mobile.

1	8s776	BLIS VALLEY	Ian White	Fr	30	21.00
2	43532	SURPRISE TO ME (EM1)	Rory Coverdale (C)	Fr	33	
3	9960s	BOUTIKA	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	36	7.50
4	8s574	ASTRO	Chris Alford	Fr	37	5.50
5	66631	TENSION SEEKER	Scott Tormey	Fr	40	*4.00
6	51445	MASTER COMBATANT	Ellen Tormey	Fr	40	7.00
7	91758	MORSURE DAMOUR	Michelle Wight	Fr	45	5.50
Second Line						
8	03383	PERSEVERANSE	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	32	13.00
9	03310	STELLAR STRUT	Luke Dunne (C)	Fr	39	8.50
10	00947	WHATS THE TEA	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	30	11.00
11	57906	SETTLE THE BILL	Eddie Conroy	Fr	34	8.50

TENSION SEEKER 1, Astro 2, Master Combatant 3, Morsure Damour 4

5 2.12 BENSTUD S'BREDS PACE DD1 Q1
2190m. $6000. NR up to 51 PBD/L4$ Mobile.

1	s5875	TACTICS ARE ROLLIN	Luke Bryant	Fr	51	8.00
2	69874	SHEROCKS SHEROLLS	Karen Kendall	Fr	50	8.50
3	35693	ETIZ AMODEL	Kerryn Manning	Fr	37	15.00
4	13763	SHADY DANCER	Jackie Barker	Fr	51	11.00
5	79343	ROCKINCHARMER	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	44	11.00
6	82761	STRAIGHT UP	Ryan Sanderson (C)	Fr	40	8.50
7	32816	YOURSNMINE	Robert Walters	Fr	48	5.00
Second Line						
8	51423	DREAMERS DELIGHT NZ	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	51	4.00
9	s1073	OZZIE JOYBELL	Josh Duggan	Fr	51	*3.50

OZZIE JOYBELL 1, Dreamers Delight 2, Yoursnmine 3, Sherocks Sherolls 4

6 2.52 ALDEBARAN PARK HANDICAP Q2
2190m. $7000. Trotters NR up to 55 PBD Stand.

1	2000s	BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	43	13.00
2	2260s	KYVALLEY SURFRIDER NZ	Chris Alford	Fr	45	7.00
3	36366	NORTHOLT	Josh Dickie	Fr	46	13.00
4	74654	SHIELD MAIDEN	Anne-Maree Conroy	Fr	48	7.50
5	68251	CHRISTMAS BABE NZ	Shannon O'Sullivan	Fr	48	8.50
6	74556	ARABELLA SHOWDOWN	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	51	8.50
7	36602	ALDEBARAN SELENA	Leilani Justice (C)	Fr	44	15.00
Second Line						
8	42856	GLENGARRIFF	Jackie Barker	Fr	46	15.00
9	90680	FLING IT RAINBOW	James Herbertson (C)	Fr	51	21.00
10	01143	CHARLIE WALKER	Michael Bellman	10	54	*4.00
11	s0874	CORK	Declan Murphy (C)	10	54	8.00
12	21538	ALDEBARAN BOYD	Ewa Justice (C)	10	55	8.50

KYVALLEY SURFRIDER 1, Charlie Walker 2, Shield Maiden 3, Christmas Babe 4

7 3.32 HARAS DES TROTTEURS TROT DD2 Q3
2190m. $7000. 2LTW Trotters PBD/LTW Mobile.

1	s4109	TINEY (EM1)	Ben Xinha (C)	Fr	51	
2	72931	THE VICARS GIRL	Kevin Weidenbach	Fr	51	8.00
3	57317	MINIMEZ	Michelle Wight	Fr	52	8.00
4	59977	SOUTHBOUND RED	Jackie Barker	Fr	34	34.00
5	9156	AZALEA MAE	Brett Shipway	Fr	52	8.00
6	47224	WISTFUL LADY	Nicholas O'Connor (C)	Fr	42	11.00
7	55546	CADENCE LANE	Kerryn Manning	Fr	53	*3.50
Second Line						
8	5n94s	POPPY POPSTAR	Nick Youngson	Fr	53	13.00
9	66452	DOUBLE DOT	Lauren White (C)	Fr	30	13.00
10	31635	FREDRHYS	Michael Bellman	Fr	52	7.50
11	24451	FLYING FLYNN	Michael Bellman	Fr	49	11.00
12	58214	ROLL WITH ROSCO	Clinton Welsh	Fr	44	11.00
13	21	ARGYLE ROCKS	Ashley Ainsworth	Fr	53	11.00

CADENCE LANE 1, Fredrhys 2, Argyle Rocks 3, The Vicars Girl 4

8 4.12 MCPHERSONS PRINTING GRP PACE Q4
2190m. $8000. NR 52 to 59 PBD/NR/L4$ Mobile.

1	88696	OUTBACK QUEENIE	Michael Bellman	Fr	57	21.00
2	04870	MADAME ANNIE (EM1)	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	57	
3	58656	MADAM REACTOR	Shannon O'Sullivan	Fr	57	11.00
4	58194	OURBEACHBABE	Liam Older (C)	Fr	55	13.00
5	11544	WICHITA KANSAS	Leilani Justice (C)	Fr	52	8.50
6	s9s21	MCARDOM	Luke Dunne (C)	Fr	52	8.50
7	22166	MISS HERMES	Ellen Tormey	Fr	57	11.00
Second Line						
8	76418	OZZIE JOY	Jack Laugher	Fr	59	11.00
9	21373	SLICE OF CHEDDAR	Chris Alford	Fr	57	*4.50
10	15507	WINGATE GUY	Ryan Duffy	Fr	58	6.50
11	87885	DOUBLE THE HUNTER	Michelle Phillips	Fr	58	8.50
12	55660	CASTING SHADOW	Alex Ashwood	Fr	59	11.00
13	s5415	AMORE ROCK	Jordan Leedham (C)	Fr	59	8.00

SLICE OF CHEDDAR 1, Madam Reactor 2, Wingate Guy 3, Double The Hunter 4

9 4.52 PETER EGAN BI-RITE ELECT. PACE
1690m. $4500. NR up to 45 PBD Mobile.

1	407s3	SUMMERHILL	Ryan Sanderson (C)	Fr	30	8.00
2	29051	FOREGONE CONCLUSION NZ	Luke Dunne (C,S)	Fr	40	8.00
3	86127	HAND WRITER	Jack Laugher	Fr	42	6.50
4	37428	ICANMOTOR	Ryan Duffy	Fr	37	7.00
5	20428	WRITTEN COURAGE	Sean O'Sullivan (C,S)	Fr	44	13.00
6	77551	BLUE OCEAN	Glenn Bull	Fr	40	*5.50
7	87244	GLENS OF TEKOA NZ	Liam Older (C,S)	Fr	45	13.00
Second Line						
8	69524	ERNIE LOVENBOY	Michelle Phillips	Fr	41	6.00
9	31175	EAGLES AND INDIANS	Alex Ashwood	Fr	42	6.00
10	16551	ALL GOOD (EM1)	Taylor Youl (C)	Fr	43	
11	92076	PLAYNICE	Ellen Tormey	Fr	35	8.00

ERNIELOVENBOY 1, Eagles And Indians 2, Hand Writer 3, Icanmotor 4

TAB ALBION PARK GREYS
TONIGHT **TAB CODE: BG**

DAILY DOUBLE 6 & 8
EARLY QUAD 1, 2, 3, 4
TREBLE 6, 7, 8
QUADDIE 5, 6, 7, 8

1 6.44 GARRARD'S HORSE & HOUND
Maiden Heat 520m.

Bx	PS	Dog	PB	PPO
1	6	STELLAR LASS	NBT	$11
2	44654	BIG AND CHEESY	NBT	$8
3		Vacant Box		
4	7	JIMMY GIANT	NBT	$11
5		MORE THAN MONEY	FSH	$3.30
6		Vacant Box		
7	34732	BYE BYE DORA	NBT	$3.30
8	63242	RATHER FLASH	NBT	$3

MORE THAN MONEY 1, Rather Flash 2, Bye Bye Dora 3, Big And Cheesy 4

2 7.06 PHOTO MANNOWAT STUD
Maiden Heat 520m.

1	64785	HAZY RANGE	NBT	$11
2		MISS RUPEE	FSH	$4
3		Vacant Box		
4	4	HENRY LOCKSMITH	NBT	$9
5	854	SIGATOKA	FSTD	$3
6		Vacant Box		
7	63654	CLARA IVANOVA	FSH	$5
8	3765	ABSOLUTION	NBT	$4.50

SIGATOKA 1, Miss Rupee 2, Absolution 3, Clara Ivanova 4

3 7.32 BOX 1 PHOTOGRAPHY
Novice Non Penalty 520m.

1	7212	BLACKJACK CAL	30.73	$2.50
2	88624	PIEMAN	NBT	$17
3	73431	FAST MONEY	31.01	$8
4	14556	ZIPPING BURGER	31.34	$13
5	47456	COMICAL HOPE	30.72	$11
6	52525	COLUMBIAN DIVA	FSTD	$5
7	43425	CIRCLE THE STORM	NBT	$8
8	62264	REGARDS TO TONY	NBT	$7

BLACKJACK CAL 1, Columbian Diva 2, Regards To Tony 3, Circle The Storm 4

4 7.51 SENNACHIE @ STUD
Grade 5 710m.

1	41433	WALK ME DA DOY	FSH	$7
2	28415	SHE'S IN CLOVER	41.98	$6
3		Vacant Box		
4	45543	BUCKEYE BULLET	42.68	$3.50
5		Vacant Box		
6	22456	TITANIUM GUNN	42.15	$3
7		Vacant Box		
8	42322	KUSHTI BOK	NBT	$3.50

TITANIUM GUNN 1, Buckeye Bullet 2, Kushti Bok 3, She's In Clover 4

5 8.16 NEWHAVEN STUD FARM
Grade 5 600m.

1	15536	FANCY GIFT	FSTD	$5
2	44361	STONE COLD BLUE	NBT	$4
3	35435	SPIDERBAIT	34.79	$6
4	34148	PORTMAN'S LASS	35.16	$3.30
5		Vacant Box		
6	18563	SIRIUS DIANNA	FSTD	$13
7	33152	BOGIE DOMINATOR	FSTD	$11
8	82444	ANY GIVEN SUNDAY	NBT	$8

PORTMAN'S LASS 1, Stone Cold Blue 2, Fancy Gift 3, Spiderbait 4

6 8.42 GREYS MAKE GREAT PETS
Grade 5 Heat 520m.

1	11255	GO SEEK IZRA	NBT	$6
2	74656	WEBLEC JEWEL	NBT	$6
3	76115	BLUE RHEE COURT	NBT	$8
4	54781	GOLD TIP	30.17	$6
5	11443	VERY HANDY	29.94	$2.50
6	73457	JONAH LOVE	NBT	$31
7	51673	APACHE MALT	30.25	$9
8	13647	TWEED WAY	NBT	$13

VERY HANDY 1, Go Seek Izra 2, Gold Tip 3, Weblec Jewel 4

7 9.03 BORGBET TIPPING SERVICE
Grade 5 Heat 520m.

1	31361	JUDGED	30.36	$3.50
2	56123	SMART AND CLASSY	30.22	$3.50
3	34626	BY ORDER OF	NBT	$13
4	25214	IZZY NO TALK	30.19	$8
5	56421	CIRCLE THE SKY	30.88	$8
6	44224	ABOMINABLE	NBT	$11
7	13622	MINTER FORMULA	NBT	$5
8	47678	SAMSON'S DELILAH	30.14	$11

SMART AND CLASSY 1, Judged 2, Minter Formula 3, Circle The Sky 4

8 9.27 SKY RACING
Grade 5 Heat 520m.

1	36416	BLUE MOONSHINE	NBT	$13
2	62137	CHILL PILL JILL	30.50	$8
3	24112	JIMMY ROO	FSH	$7
4	21345	SHIAN QUIRKY	30.07	$3.50
5	28446	WEBLEC SPARK	NBT	$8
6	12336	RINGBARK REBEL	30.31	$3.50
7	31414	WHICH TRAP	NBT	$8
8	18456	HENDY	NBT	$21

SHIAN QUIRKY 1, Ringbark Rebel 2, Jimmy Roo 3, Which Trap 4

9 9.45 TAB - VENUE MODE
Mixed 3/4 520m.

1	38377	SPEEDY MINT	30.35	$11
2	32565	ZIPPING TEDESCO	30.14	$9
3		Vacant Box		
4	18332	SMART HOUDINI	30.12	$5
5	64111	ORSON APATITE	30.04	$2.50
6		Vacant Box		
7	14541	WHERE'S JOHNSON	30.07	$2.50
8	64577	GOLD FILLINGS	30.11	$26

WHERE'S JOHNSON 1, Orson Apatite 2, Smart Houdini 3, Zipping Tedesco 4

10 10.06 GET IT GIZMO @ NEWHAVEN
Mixed 4/5 331m.

1	66383	POLLY'S COURIER	19.20	$13
2	12216	LOCK IT IN	19.15	$5
3	74147	BAY STREET BOY	19.00	$3.30
4	47645	LOST DIGIT	19.12	$8
5		Vacant Box		
6	81653	MOMENT OF GLORY	19.24	$5
7	84387	BUTTERCUP BABE	19.14	$31
8	41216	BACK SEAT BETTY	19.14	$3.50

BAY STREET BOY 1, Back Seat Betty 2, Lock It In 3, Moment Of Glory 4

DOGS LEGEND FSH - First start. NBT - No best time. 30.01 - Fastest winning time this track and distance

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Monday January 15

abc tv

6.00 **News Breakfast.**
9.00 **ABC News Mornings.**
10.00 **Movin' To The Country.** (R)
11.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** (R)
12.00 **ABC News At Noon.**
1.00 **Vera.** (Ma, R)
2.30 **Back Roads.** (R)
3.00 **The Cook And The Chef.** (R)
3.25 **Tenable.** (R)
4.15 **Antiques Roadshow.** (R)
5.15 **Love Your Garden.**

6.00 **Back Roads: Lightning Ridge, NSW.** (R) Heather Ewart visits Lightning Ridge.
6.30 **Hard Quiz.** (PG, R)
7.00 **ABC News.** A look at the top stories of the day.
7.30 **7.30.** Presented by Laura Tingle.
8.00 ★ **Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer.** (Ma) Part 1 of 2.
9.00 **You Can't Ask That: Former Cult Members.** (Mal, R) Former cult members share their stories, from how they joined to what they were subjected to on the inside.
9.35 **Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids.** (Man, R) Louis Theroux meets transgender kids.
10.35 **ABC Late News.**
10.50 **War On Waste.** (PG, R)
11.55 **Changing Ends.** (PG, R)

12.15 **Love Your Garden.** (R) Presented by Alan Titchmarsh.
1.05 **Tenable.** (R) Presented by Warwick Davis.
1.50 **Rage.** (MA15+adhlnsv) Continuous music programming.
4.40 **The Durrells.** (PG, R)
5.30 **7.30.** (R)

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6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show Summer Series. (PG)
11.30 **Seven Morning News.**
12.00 **Home And Away.** (PGav, R)
2.00 **Border Security: International.** (PG, R)
2.30 **Surf Patrol.** (R)
3.00 The Chase. (R) 4.00 Seven News At 4. *Central: The Chase Australia. Central: Seven News. 5.30 Seven GC: Seven News Gold Coast.*

6.00 **Seven News.** *Central: Home And Away. (PGa) 7QLD: Seven Local News.*
6.30 7QLD: Seven News.
6.35 Central: Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes.
7.00 ★ **Home And Away.** (PGa) Tane misreads Harper's friendship.
7.35 **Cricket.** Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. From the MCG.
10.00 **Motorway Patrol.** (PGal) A motorist is running out of petrol.
10.30 **Highway Cops.** (Ma) A dog lives up to its name.
11.00 **Autopsy USA: Jeffrey Epstein.** (MA15+a, R) A look at the death of Jeffrey Epstein.

12.00 **Bates Motel.** (Mav, R) Emma and Dylan bond.
2.00 **Home Shopping.** (R)
4.00 **NBC Today.** News and current affairs.
5.00 **Seven Early News.**
5.30 **Sunrise.** News, sport and weather.

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6.00 **Today.** The latest in news and current affairs.
9.00 **Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show.** Hosted by Tony Jones.
10.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Day 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
3.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Afternoon 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Roz Kelly.
5.30 GC: Gold Coast News.

6.00 **9News.** *NBN: NBN News.*
7.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
10.00 **Tennis.** Australian Open. Late-night 2. From Melbourne Park. Hosted by Tony Jones.
11.00 ★ **New Amsterdam.** (Mam, R) Bloom, Iggy and Reynolds rally around Max as he deals with the fallout from Helen's decision. Bloom gives extra space to Leyla but is in for a surprise. Reynolds and Wilder help a young terminal patient.

12.00 **Family Law.** (Ma, R)
1.00 #TextMeWhenYouGetHome. (M, R) 2.00 Destination Australia. (R) 2.30 Global Shop. (R) 3.00 TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) 4.00 Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) 4.30 Explore TV: Norfolk Island. (R) 5.00 9News Early. 5.30 Today.

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6.00 The Talk. (Series return) 7.00 Everyday Gourmet. 7.30 Ent. Tonight. 8.00 Farm To Fork. 8.30 GCBC. 9.00 Judge Judy. 9.30 Bold. 10.00 The Yes Experiment. 10.30 Luxury Escapes. 11.00 Food Trail: South Africa. 11.30 My Market Kitchen. 12.00 10 News First: Midday. 1.00 Dr Phil. 2.00 Jamie Oliver: Cooking For Less. 3.00 Ent. Tonight. 3.30 Farm To Fork. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News.

6.30 **The Project.** The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.
7.30 ★ **Gladiators.** (PGv) (New Series) Everyday Aussie challengers take on the gladiators in a series of iconic events, as well as brand-new challenges.
8.55 **FBI: Most Wanted.** (Mav, R) The team pursues the suspects responsible for an explosion at an Ohio energy plant.
9.55 **FBI: Most Wanted.** (Mav, R) Remy pursues a depraved pastor and his sadistic brother who kidnapped two teenagers.
10.50 **The Project.** (R) The hosts and guest panellists take a look at the day's news, events and hot topics.

12.00 **The Late Show With Stephen Colbert.** (PG) Stephen Colbert interviews a variety of guests from the worlds of film, politics, business anad music.
1.00 **Home Shopping.** (R)
4.30 **CBS Mornings.** Morning news and talk show.

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6.00 WorldWatch. 9.15 World's Most Secret Homes. (PG) 10.10 Paddington Station 24/7. 11.00 Vienna: Empire, Dynasty And Dream. (PGa) 12.10 WorldWatch. 1.00 PBS News Weekend. 1.30 Al Jazeera News Second Edition. 2.05 Tony Robinson: WWII By Drone. (Mav, R) 3.00 Mastermind Aust. (R) 3.30 The Cook Up. (R) 4.00 The Supervet. 5.00 Motor Racing. Dakar Rally. Stage 7. Highlights.

6.00 **Mastermind Australia.** (R) Presented by Marc Fennell.
6.30 **SBS World News.**
7.30 ★ **Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends: Wales.** (PGa) Part 2 of 4. Jonathan Ross explores Wales, a country filled with hidden and intriguing legends.
8.25 **Isle Of Wight: Jewel Of The South.** The locals put their best foot forward for the final of the island-wide talent competition.
9.20 **The Secret Life Of Lighthouses: Muckle Flugga.** (PG, R) Part 2 of 3. Rob Bell visits the impossible lighthouse at Muckle Flugga in the Shetland Islands.
10.15 **SBS World News Late.**
10.45 **Blanca.** (MA15+a)
11.45 **Reyka.** (MA15+av, R)

12.45 **Reyka.** (MA15+av, R)
3.40 **Going Places With Ernie Dingo.** (R)
4.40 **Bamay.** (R)
5.00 **NHK World English News Morning.**
5.30 **ANC Philippines The World Tonight.**

Classifications: (P) Preschoolers (C) Children (G) General (PG) Parental Guidance (M) Mature Audiences (MA15+) Mature Audiences Only (AV15+) Extreme Adult Violence (CC) Closed Captions (R) Repeat.
Consumer Advice: (a) Adult themes (d) Drug references (h) Horror (s) Sex references (l) Language (m) Medical procedures (n) Nudity (v) Violence. **Please note:** Listings are correct at the time of print and are subject to change by networks.
Please Note: Programs listed are for metropolitan Brisbane, unless otherwise specified. Seven GC, Nine GC, NBN and Ten GC all denote Gold Coast programming. 7QLD, WIN and 9QLD all denote regional Qld programming.

Revenge: Our Dad The Nazi Killer, 8pm

Home And Away, 7pm

New Amsterdam, 11pm

Gladiators, 7.30pm

Jonathan Ross' Myths And Legends, 7.30pm

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FOX CRICKET ch501

12.50pm Cricket. New Zealand Super Smash. Northern Brave v Wellington Firebirds. 5.45 B4 The Bash! 6.15 Cricket. Big Bash League. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. 7.45 The Big Break. DON'T MISS 8.00 **Cricket. Big Bash League.** Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. 9.30 Big Bash Post Game. 9.45 Cricket. Twenty20 International Series. India v Afghanistan. Game 2. 11.05 Cricket. First Test Review. Australia v Pakistan. 1am Cricket. SA20. Durban's Super Giants v Joburg Super Kings.

FOX SHOWCASE ch112

12pm The Wire. (MA15+) 1.00 Big Little Lies. (M) 2.00 Downton Abbey. (M) 3.00 To Be Advised. 4.00 Entitled. (M) 4.30 Entitled. (M) 5.00 The End. (MA15+) 5.30 Downton Abbey. (M) 6.30 Downton Abbey. (M) DON'T MISS 7.30 **True Detective: Night Country.** 8.30 Bookie. (MA15+) 9.00 Bookie. (MA15+) 9.30 The Wire. (MA15+) 10.30 True Detective: Night Country. 11.30 Downton Abbey. (M) 12.30am The Newsroom. (M) 1.30 Six Feet Under. (MA15+) 2.30 Carnivàle. (MA15+) 3.30 Bored To Death. (M) 4.00 Entourage. (M)

BBC FIRST ch119

11.25am Nolly. (M) 12.15pm Nolly. (M) 1.10 Marie Antoinette. (M) 2.15 Silent Witness. (M) 3.25 Death In Paradise. (M) 4.30 Unforgotten. (MA15+) 5.30 Call The Midwife. (PG) 6.30 Call The Midwife. (PG) DON'T MISS 7.40 **Happy Valley.** (MA15+) 8.45 The Catch. (M) 9.40 Marie Antoinette. (MA15+) 10.40 Death In Paradise. (M) 11.35 Unforgotten. (MA15+) 12.25am Silent Witness. (M) 1.25 Beyond Paradise: Behind The Scenes. (PG) 1.40 We Hunt Together. (MA15+) 2.30 Nolly. (M) 3.15 Nolly. (M) 4.00 Nolly. (M) 4.50 The Fall. (MA15+)

FOX8 ch108

12pm Taskmaster. (M) 1.00 Taskmaster. (M) 2.00 Two And A Half Men. (M) 2.30 Two And A Half Men. (M) 3.00 Two And A Half Men. (M) 3.30 Entourage. (MA15+) 4.00 Entourage. (MA15+) 4.30 Taskmaster. (M) 5.30 Taskmaster. (M) DON'T MISS 6.30 **Taskmaster Champion Of Champions** 3. 8.00 Krapopolis. (M) 9.00 Two And A Half Men. (M) 9.30 Two And A Half Men. (M) 10.00 Two And A Half Men. (M) 10.30 Entourage. (MA15+) 11.00 Entourage. (MA15+) 11.25 Krapopolis. (M) 12.15am Superstars (WWF) (M)

Life Style. ch106

1.10pm Antiques Roadshow. 2.20 Bargain Hunt. 3.15 Better Homes. 4.30 Chateau DIY. 5.30 999: On The Front Line. (M) 6.30 Selling Houses Aust. (PG) 7.30 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next. (PG) DON'T MISS 8.30 **Sort Your Life Out.** (PG) 9.40 Escape To The Country. 10.35 24 Hours In Emergency. (PG) 11.35 Gogglebox Australia. (M) 12.25am Grand Designs. 1.20 Antiques Roadshow. 2.25 Bargain Hunt. 3.15 999: On The Front Line. (M) 4.05 24 Hours In Emergency. (PG) 5.00 Antiques Roadshow.

sky news ch103, 600

6am First Edition. 8.00 AM Agenda. 10.00 NewsDay. 1pm Afternoon Agenda. 3.30 Business Now With Ross Greenwood. 4.00 **The Kenny Report.**
5.00 Peta Credlin.
6.00 The Bolt Report.
7.00 Sharri.
8.00 Paul Murray Live.
9.00 The Late Debate.
DON'T MISS **9.30 The Late Debate: The Papers.**
10.00 NewsNight.
12am Sky News UK LIVE.
4.30 First Edition.

abc tv plus ch22

6.00 Children's Programs. 5.15 Supertato. 5.20 The Adventures Of Paddington. 5.35 Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. 5.45 Hey Duggee. 5.55 Octonauts. 6.10 Pfffirates. 6.20 Bluey. 6.30 Ben And Holly. 6.40 Andy's Prehistoric Adv. 6.55 Shaun The Sheep. 7.05 Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. 7.20 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Would I Lie To You? 8.30 MythBusters. 9.20 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. 10.10 Late Programs.

abc me ch23

6.00 Children's Programs. 5.45 Hotel Transylvania. (PG) 6.00 Spooky Files. 6.25 Welcome To Cardboard City. 6.30 Operation Ouch! 7.00 Horrible Histories. 7.30 Shaun The Sheep. 7.35 The Penguins Of Madagascar. 8.00 The Legend Of Korra. (PG) 8.25 Jade Armor. 8.45 Mustangs FC. 9.10 School Of Rock. 9.35 Mythbusters "There's Your Problem!". (PG) 10.10 Rage. (PG) 11.15 Close.

abc news ch24

6.00 News. 8.00 News. 11.00 News. 1.00 ABC News Day. 2.00 News. 4.00 ABC News Hour. 6.00 National News. 6.30 Evening News. 7.00 News Tonight. 7.30 Aust Story. 8.00 Nightly News. 8.25 Foreign Correspondent. 9.00 The World. 9.30 7.30. 10.00 News. 10.30 The Business. 11.00 News. 11.30 Aust Story. 12.00 News. 12.15 7.30. 12.45 Camel Capers. 1.00 DW News. 1.15 Late Programs.

sbs viceland ch31

6.00 WorldWatch. 9.30 Small Business Secrets. 10.00 Front Up. 12.05 The Kimberley Cruise: The Full Journey. 2.15 Planet A. 3.05 Most Expensivest. 3.35 WorldWatch. 5.15 PBS News Weekend. 5.45 Joy Of Painting. 6.15 The Fast History Of. (PG) 6.40 Jeopardy! 7.30 NITV News Update. 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. (M) 8.30 Taskmaster. (M) 9.25 Two Weeks To Live. 10.25 Late Programs.

7two ch72

6.00 Morning Programs. 10.30 Better Homes And Gardens Summer. 12.00 Better Homes. 1.00 I Escaped To The Country. (PG) 2.00 Weekender. 2.30 Cities Of The Underworld. (PG) 3.30 Last Chance Learners. (PG) 4.00 Animal Rescue. 4.30 Better Homes. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Doc Martin. (M) 8.30 Endeavour. (M) 10.30 Fortitude. (MA15+) 11.30 Late Programs.

7mate ch73, 74

6.00 Morning Programs. 11.00 NFL. NFL Playoffs. Wild Card Round. Detroit Lions v Los Angeles Rams. 2.30 Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. (PG) 3.30 Storage Wars: New York. (PG) 4.30 Storage Wars. (PG) 5.00 American Pickers. (PG) 6.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 38. Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes. 7.35 Outback Opal Hunters. (PG) 8.30 Aussie Salvage Squad. (PG) 10.30 Ax Men. (M) 11.30 Late Programs.

7flix ch76

6.00 Morning Programs. 9.00 Shopping. 10.30 My Asian Banquet. (PG) 11.30 My France With Manu. (PG) 1.30 The Food Dude. (PG) 1.55 Intolerant Cooks. (PG) 2.20 A Moveable Feast. (PG) 2.45 My Kitchen Rules. (PG) 4.30 Bondi Vet. (PG) 6.30 Dr Harry's Animal Encounters. (PG) 7.30 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (M) 8.30 Law & Order: S.V.U. (MA15+) 10.30 Law & Order: LA. (MA15+) 11.30 Late Programs.

sbs world movies ch32

6.00 Steel Magnolias. (PG) (1989) 8.10 The 400 Blows. (PG) (1959, French) 10.00 Motherhood. (M) (2018) 11.35 Operation Mincemeat. (M) (2021) 2.00 Mr. Holmes. (PG) (2015) 3.55 Asterix: The Mansions Of The Gods. (PG) (2014, French) 5.30 Sunflower. (M) (1970, Italian) 7.30 Those Happy Years. (M) (2013) 9.30 Gotti. (MA15+) (2018) John Travolta. 11.35 The Best Offer. (M) (2013) 2.00 Late Programs.

9gem ch92, 95

6.00 Gideon's Way. (PG) 7.00 Creflo. (PG) 7.30 Skippy. 8.00 TV Shop. 9.00 Australian Open Tennis Pre-Show. 10.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Day 2. 5.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. 10.00 Death In Paradise. (M) 11.00 Madam Secretary. (M) 12.00 Manifest. (M) 1.00 Edgar Wallace Mysteries. (PG) 2.20 Explore. 2.30 Gideon's Way. (M) 3.30 Seaway. (PG) 4.30 My Favorite Martian. 5.00 Animal Tales. (PG)

9go! ch93, 99

6.00 Children's Programs. 11.00 MOVIE: Pokémon: The Rise Of Darkrai. (2007) 12.45 Children's Programs. 1.00 Rich House, Poor House. 2.00 Bewitched. 2.30 Full House. 3.00 Kenan. 4.00 Family Ties. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 6.00 Tennis. Australian Open. Night 2. 7.00 The Nanny. 7.30 Seinfeld. (PG) 8.30 MOVIE: Assault On Precinct 13. (MA15+) (2005) 10.35 Late Programs.

9life ch94

6.00 Morning Programs. 11.30 Getaway. (PG) 12.00 Flipping Down South. (PG) 1.00 Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa. 2.00 Zombie House Flipping. (PG) 3.00 The Block. (PG) 4.00 The Jennie Garth Project. (PG) 4.30 Martha Knows Best. (PG) 5.00 Build It Forward. (PG) 6.00 House Hunters Int. 7.00 House Hunters. 8.30 Christina On The Coast. (PG) 9.30 Flip Or Flop. 10.30 Mexico Life. 11.00 Late Programs.

sbs food ch33

6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Greater Mekong. 1.30 Flour Power. 2.00 My Greek Table. 2.30 United Plates Of America. 3.30 Top Chef. 4.30 My Market Kitchen. 5.00 Everyday Gourmet. 5.30 Rick Stein's Cornwall. 6.00 Food Safari Earth. 6.30 Lidia's Kitchen. 7.00 The Cook Up. 7.30 Shane Delia's Spice Journey. 8.00 Luke Nguyen's India. 8.30 Eva Longoria: Searching For Mexico. 9.30 Dine With Me UK. 10.00 Late Programs.

10 bold ch12

6.00 Shopping. 8.00 Luxury Escapes. (PG) 8.30 All 4 Adventure. (PG) 9.30 Reel Action. 10.30 JAG. (PG) 12.30 ST: Voyager. (PG) 2.30 Jake And The Fatman. (PG) 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. (PG) 5.30 JAG. (PG)
7.30 Bull. (M)
8.30 NCIS. (M)
10.20 NCIS: Los Angeles. (M) 12.15 Shopping. 2.15 Diagnosis Murder. (PG) 4.05 JAG. (PG)

10 peach ch11

6.00 Big Bang. (PG) 10.30 Friends. (PG) 1.00 Two And A Half Men. (PG) 1.30 Ghosts. (PG) 3.30 King Of Queens. (PG) 4.30 Becker. (PG) 5.30 Frasier. (PG) 6.30 Neighbours. (PG) 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. (PG)
8.30 Two And A Half Men. (PG)
10.00 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 11.00 Frasier. (PG) 12.00 Shopping. 1.30 South Park. (MA15+) 2.30 Rules Of Engagement. (PG) 3.30 Bold. (PG) 4.30 Shopping.

nickelodeon ch13

6.00 Morning Programs. 10.35 Ready Set Dance. 10.45 Ryan's Mystery Playdate. 11.10 Blaze And The Monster Machines. 12.00 PAW Patrol. 2.05 TMNT. 2.30 SpongeBob. 4.15 The Casagrandes. 4.40 The Loud House. 5.05 The Thundermans. 5.30 Danger Force. 6.00 The Middle. (PG) 7.30 Friends. (PG) 8.30 MOVIE: Never Too Late. (M) (2020) 10.30 Aaahh!!! Real Monsters. 11.00 Late Programs.

nitv ch34

6.00 Morning Programs. 1.35 Bamay. (PG) 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 Jarjums. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Stories From The Land. (PG) 6.00 Bamay. 6.30 NITV News Update. 6.40 Volcanic Odysseys. (PG) 7.30 Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) 8.30 Living Black. 9.00 MOVIE: Backroads. (MA15+) (1977) 10.00 MOVIE: Jason's Lyric. (1994) 12.10 Power To The People. (PG) 1.00 Late Programs.

THE BIG ONE

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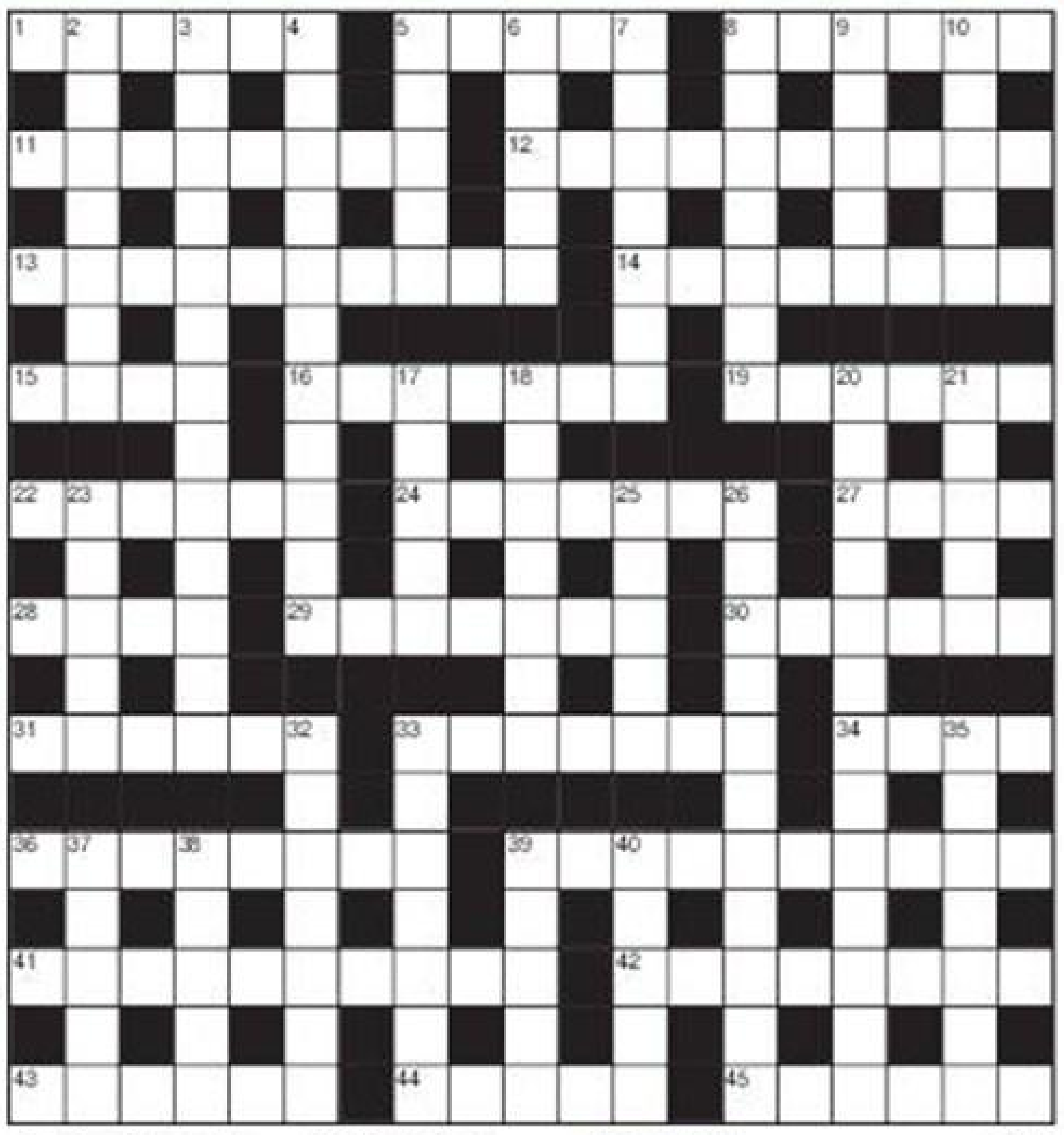

Across

- 1 Layers
- 5 Vibrations
- 8 Frailer
- 11 Quarters
- 12 Worthwhile
- 13 Listed off
- 14 Aid body (3,5)
- 15 French John
- 16 Conferred
- 19 Glaze
- 22 Hot Japanese condiment
- 24 Partook of liquor
- 27 Modify
- 28 Bangkok language
- 29 More scrumptious
- 30 Wound (one's way)
- 31 Positively!
- 33 Careless disregard
- 34 Open
- 36 Entangles
- 39 African horned beast
- 41 Authoritatively
- 42 Quilt
- 43 Treatises
- 44 Probe
- 45 Female relatives

Down

- 2 Thrash
- 3 Verbally combative
- 4 Irregularity
- 5 Short stay
- 6 Two-footed creature
- 7 Thoroughly searched
- 8 Wannabe (5-2)
- 9 Awake
- 10 - Presley
- 17 Fundamental truth
- 18 Christening
- 20 Bold
- 21 Mountain nest
- 23 Very pale
- 25 Endured
- 26 Oppressed
- 32 Small ornamental mats
- 33 Curled up snugly
- 35 Church district
- 37 Huffs
- 38 Indian side dish
- 39 Poker hand, - flush
- 40 Saturate (with colour)

SOLUTION

7993

Across: 10 Trade names, 11 Breakage, 13 King's counsel, 14 Israel, 16 Overdressed, 18 Kicking, 20 Tassels, 22 Aberrations, 23 Menacing, 26 Incenses, 30 Incriminate, 31 Quibble, 34 Spangle, 35 Sentimental, 36 Rained, 38 Listlessness, 41 Agencies, 42 Streamline. **Down:** 1 Stake out, 2 Saunters, 3 CEOs, 4 Bayonets, 5 Wednesday, 6 Ore, 7 Mars, 8 Calamitous, 9 Geologists, 12 Dead sea, 15 Ski run, 17 Drenching, 19 Catherine, 21 Age, 23 Mainstream, 24 Nectarines, 25 Noises, 27 Eel, 28 Lawsuit, 29 Reinstate, 31 Quivered, 32 Butted in, 33 Enlisted, 37 Etch, 39 Some, 40 Ref.

QUICK ONE

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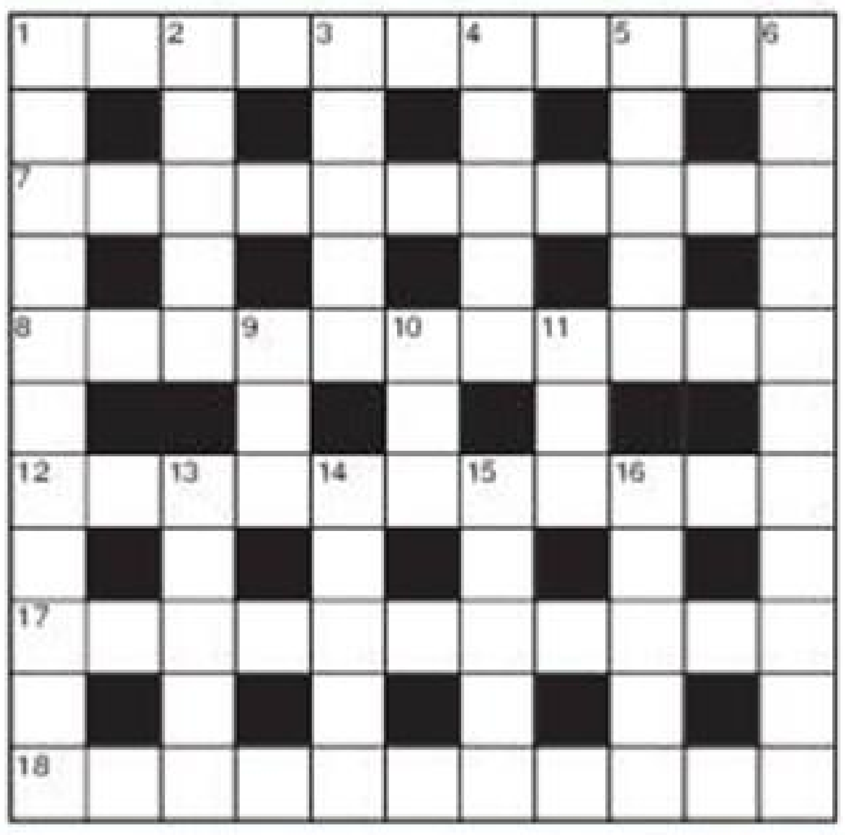

Across

- 1 Combined
- 7 Mock-ups
- 8 Calamity
- 12 Stepped on the gas
- 17 Heedlessness
- 18 Anxiety

Down

- 1 Organisation
- 2 Allow in
- 3 Swallows noisily
- 4 Move steadily, - along
- 5 March
- 6 Offspring
- 9 Scottish yes
- 10 Collar and -
- 11 Egg cells
- 13 Table and -
- 14 Lost hold of (3,2)
- 15 Olympic flag symbols
- 16 Offal dish

SOLUTION

3239

S	Y	M	P	A	T	H	I	S	E	D
T	■	O	■	M	■	A	■	C	■	E
R	E	P	R	O	D	U	C	I	N	G
A	■	E	■	N	■	L	■	F	■	E
I	N	D	I	G	E	S	T	I	O	N
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N	■	E	■	R	■	I	■	E	■	E
S	T	R	E	A	M	L	I	N	E	S

TWO SPEED

7865

CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

- 1 Relocate sand, please, to form beachfront walks (10)
- 6 Collects a crew's broadcasts (7)
- 7 In children, alcohol is affecting the kidneys (5)
- 9 Saloon loses nothing by becoming a fashionable shop (5)
- 10 Convert church table, say (5)
- 11 Performer, rolling in money, always leading singer or dancer (5)
- 12 Al departs Australia for small European country (7)
- 13 His shy poet formulated theory (10)

Down

- 1 Communicate method of making a fast road (10)
- 2 For no apparent purpose, indicate reduced amount offered by heartless lady (11)
- 3 Half of ABBA solo with seafood (7)
- 4 Tsar's equine tossed its riders (11)
- 5 Finds out if donkey's hanging around? Sure! (10)
- 8 What rap can do to hostile state (7)

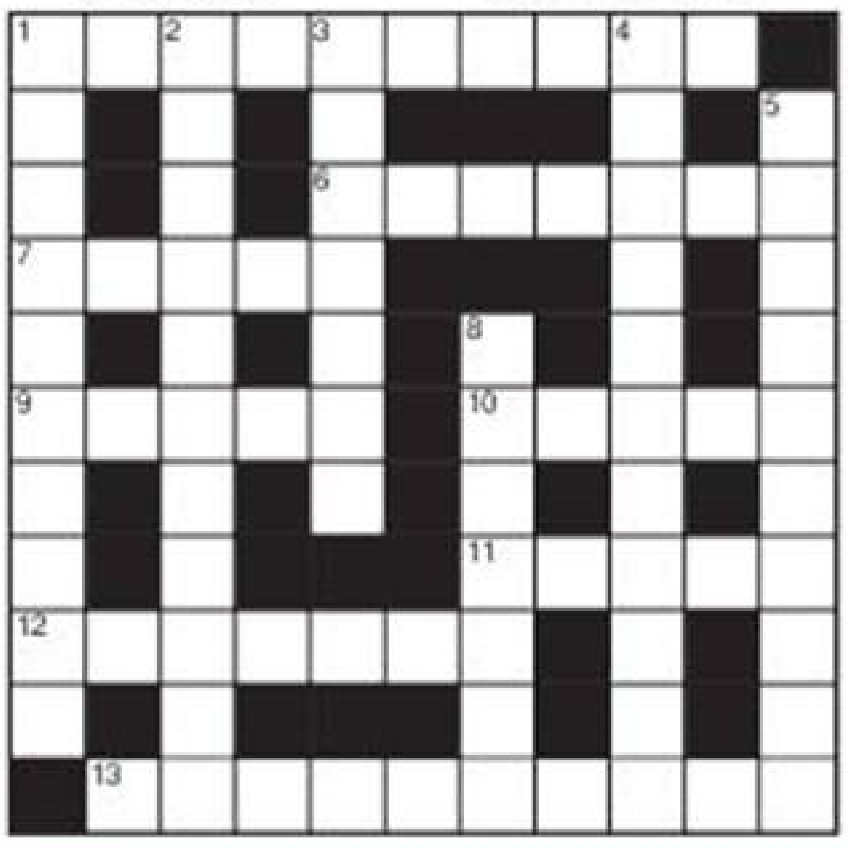
QUICK CLUES

Across

- 1 Waterfront pedestrian precincts (10)
- 6 Earns (interest) (7)
- 7 Kidney treatment, - dialysis (5)
- 9 Wash and perm establishment (5)
- 10 Change (5)
- 11 Temperamental star, - donna (5)
- 12 Home of the strudel (7)
- 13 Premise (10)

Down

- 1 Freeway (10)
- 2 Ineffectively (11)
- 3 Marine mollusc (7)
- 4 Horsewomen (11)
- 5 Determines (facts) (10)
- 8 Angry, on the - (7)



SOLUTION

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M	I	S	H	M	A	S	H	■	E	■
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C	H	A	R	C	O	A	L	■	B	■
A	■	R	■	R	■	R	■	A	S	H
R	E	C	K	O	N	E	D	■	■	E
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I	R	K	■	I	■	R	■	D	■	A
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A	N	T	■	T	■	N	■	L	■	E
■	T	■	E	S	C	A	P	E	E	S

QUIZMASTER

1 Which martial artist teamed up with Chris Tucker in the Rush Hour films?
2 Which element with the symbol Ca is important for bone health?
3 During which year's Winter Olympics was the "Miracle on Ice" played?
4 What are the vast grassy plains of Argentina called?
5 In *Spider-Man 3*, photographer Eddie Brock is transformed into which supervillain?
6 Which 60s dance craze was popularised by Chubby Checker?
7 How many people are depicted in *The Last Supper* painting?
8 Who was the lead singer of the Doors?
9 What soft drink was invented by Dr John Pemberton and originally sold in pharmacies?
10 Which French fashion designer launched the "New Look" clothing line?

SOLUTION: 1. Jackie Chan **2.** Calcium **3.** 1980 **4.** Pampas **5.** Venom **6.** The Twist **7.** 13 **8.** Jim Morrison **9.** Coca-Cola **10.** Christian Dior

JUMBLE

1224

Rearrange the letters in each row to form a word.

Write your answers into the blank grid.

The first letter from each word, reading down, will spell the mystery keyword.

1.	N	D	U	S	F
2.	D	E	A	I	B
3.	W	L	O	L	Y
4.	P	N	T	E	S
5.	E	M	N	E	D

1.					
2.					
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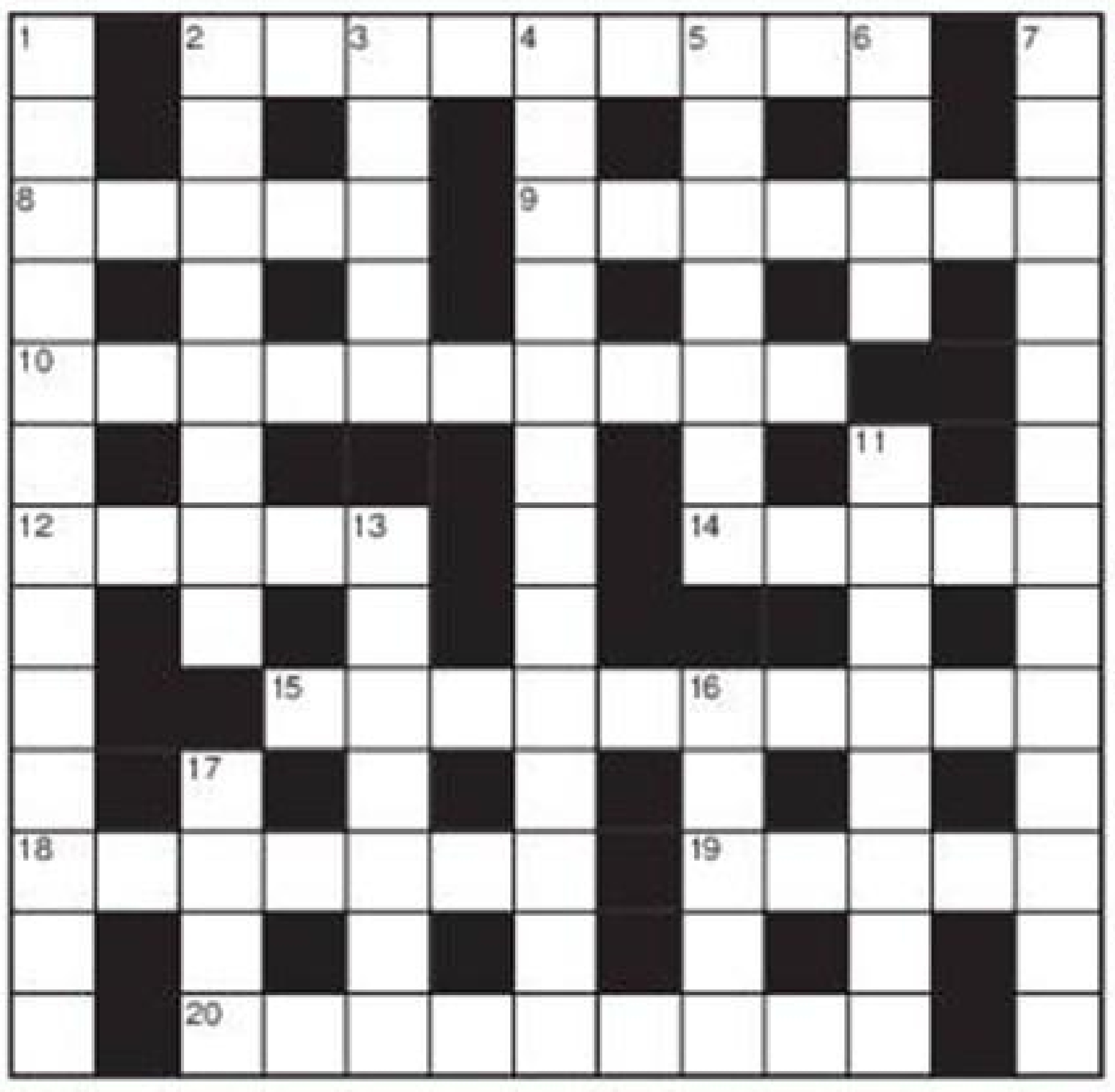
Previous solution: TENTH, ROWER, ACHED, SUEDE, HOPES
Keyword: TRASH

CRYPTIC

301888



Across

- 2 Worker went to North Pole? No, the other one! (9)
- 8 We caught Hal the largest creature! (5)
- 9 To endlessly bleat at ant is very obvious (7)
- 10 Gene arranged to box Dan before Red could be put at risk (10)
- 12 She returns nothing to district attorney (5)
- 14 The French went back and found antelope (5)
- 15 A stripy pan could be used for decorator's aerosol colouring (5,5)
- 18 Instilled into a pupil to make them see more clearly (3,4)
- 19 Furry fighters from the crew? Ok, sure! (5)
- 20 Dad, Hoyle and I, confused, took vacation (9)

Down

- 1 Kiwis, fanaticism and the queen are in the news (3,10)
- 2 Presenting a drawback - gin cocktail (8)
- 3 Have a bearing, that is, in tin (3,2)
- 4 Masseur made an impression and was automatically approved (6-7)
- 5 High spot in big top (7)
- 6 Applaud friend coming back after music ends (4)
- 7 Pat's destitute about trials of skill (8,5)
- 11 Fellow, if elderly, makes engine pipe look diverse (8)
- 13 Appear to alter large clothing (7)
- 16 Devout qualities seen in yuppie types (5)
- 17 Hey! A new way to say yes! (4)

SOLUTION

301887

T	I	A	R	A	S	■	A	V	A	T	A	R
R	■	L	■	C	■	S	■	I	■	■	■	O
E	N	T	I	T	L	E	M	E	N	T	■	G
A	■	E	■	U	■	C	■	W	■	E	■	U
S	■	R	E	A	W	O	K	E	■	A	R	E
U	■	C	■	L	■	N	■	R	■	S	■	S
R	O	A	N	■	I	D	A	■	S	T	A	G
E	■	T	■	I	■	S	■	C	■	R	■	A
C	P	I	■	C	H	I	M	E	R	A	■	L
H	■	O	■	O	■	G	■	Y	■	I	■	L
E	■	N	O	N	C	H	A	L	A	N	C	E
S	■	■	■	I	■	T	■	O	■	E	■	R
T	H	R	I	C	E	■	E	N	E	R	G	Y

SUDOKU

Fill in all squares so each row, column and each of the nine 3x3 squares contain all digits from one to nine. Solutions, tips and software can be found at sudoku.com.

RATING: Very Easy 6551

					8			
8			2	4			1	6
		2		5	1			9
	4	8			3		9	2
		6	4	9	5	3		
9	7		8			4	5	
3			1	8		9		
7	9			6	2			8
			9					

RATING: Difficult 6552

1				7			5	
						9	6	
					8			1
4	9				6	2		
7			4		1			5
		6	2				1	8
2			8					
	6	7						
	5			6				2

SOLUTION 6550

8	3	2	5	9	7	1	6	4
5	9	6	3	4	1	7	8	2
4	7	1	8	2	6	9	3	5
6	5	7	4	3	8	2	1	9
9	1	3	6	7	2	4	5	8
2	4	8	1	5	9	6	7	3
3	2	9	7	1	5	8	4	6
1	6	5	2	8	4	3	9	7
7	8	4	9	6	3	5	2	1

SOLUTION 6549

8	6	2	7	9	4	3	1	5
1	7	3	8	5	6	9	4	2
4	5	9	1	3	2	8	6	7
7	4	6	2	8	3	1	5	9
5	2	8	4	1	9	6	7	3
9	3	1	6	7	5	4	2	8
2	1	7	9	4	8	5	3	6
6	9	5	3	2	1	7	8	4
3	8	4	5	6	7	2	9	1

TARGET MASTER

6219

How many words of four letters or more can you make from these nine letters? Each letter may be used only once. The centre letter must be included. No slang, foreign or capitalised words, hyphens, apostrophes, or plurals ending in 's'. Only one form of a verb can be used, e.g. 'ring', but not 'rings' or 'ringing'.

B	D	H
S	**A**	R
D	O	A

Today's target:
Good **10** Very Good **15** Excellent **17+**

Previous solution: Alar, Earl, Elan, Farl, Felt, Flan, Flat, Flea, Lane, Late, Leaf, Lean, Lear, Left, Lent, Rale, Real, Tael, Tala, Tale, Teal, Tela, Alate, Alert, Altar, Alter, Artel, Fatal, Feral, Flare, Later, Leant, Learn, Natal, Ratal, Ratel, Renal, Antler, Falter, Lanate, Learnt, Rental.
9-letter word: FRATERNAL

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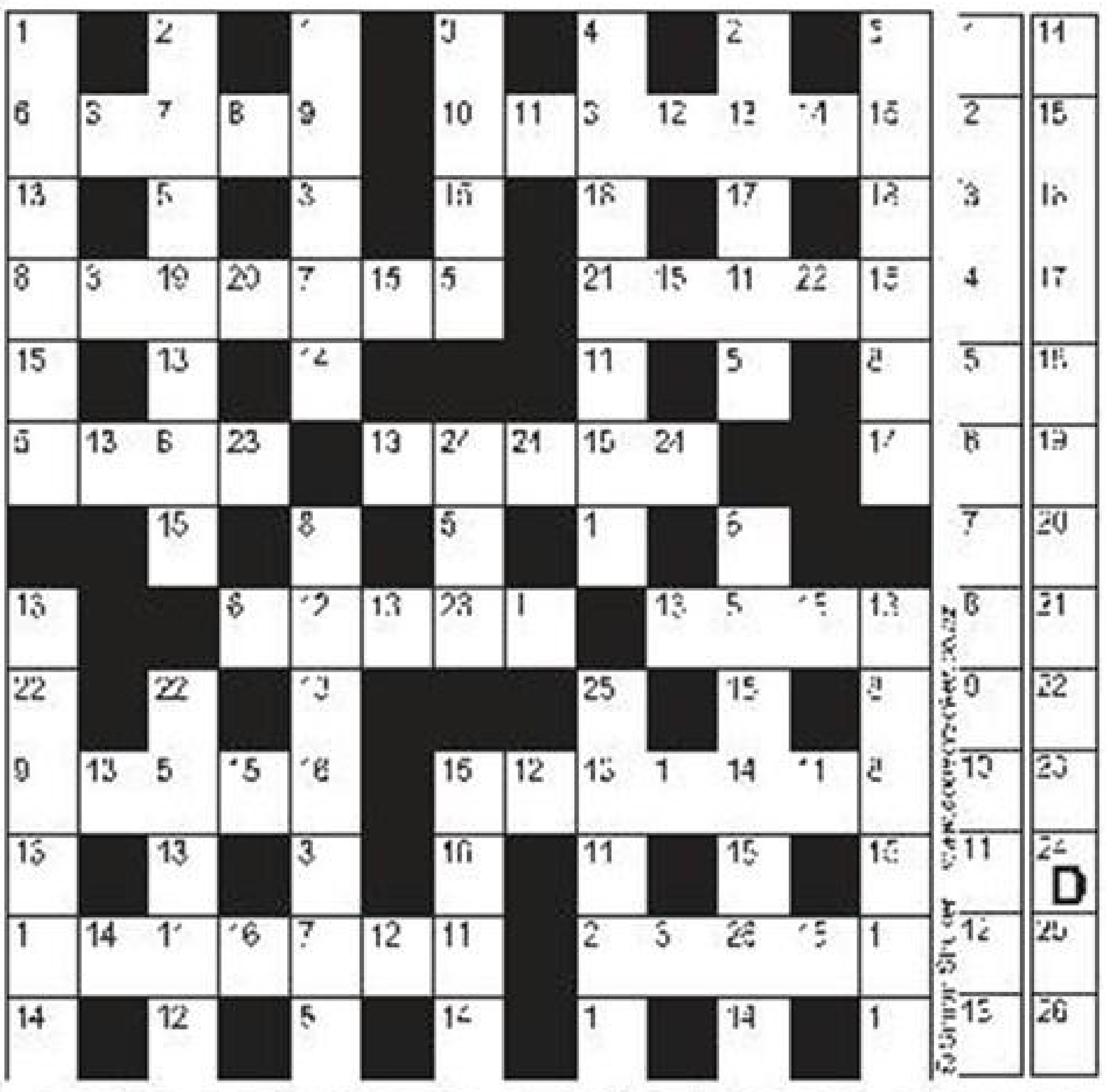
SIMON SHUKER'S CODE-CRACKER

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. Enter the letter or letters given in the control grid into the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid.
Check letters off the A to Z list at the bottom as you identify them.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Solution to the previous Code-Cracker.

1 E	2 X	3 T	4 O	5 R	6 S	7 F	8 U	9 M	10 N	11 A	12 W	13 L
14 K	15 V	16 C	17 D	18 Q	19 J	20 Y	21 B	22 G	23 H	24 I	25 P	26 Z

DOUBLE CROSS

■	I/R	N/E	P/F	E/R	R/O	D/E	N/U	C/D	E/A	■
■	■	Q/E	■	I/D	■	O/S	■	W/R	■	■
S/T	H/P	O/U	R/O	D/N	■	U/C	H/S	E/U	N/L	S/K
K/W	■	O/I	■	Y/G	■	R/T	■	M/L	■	E/I
I/E	O/M	P/N	S/T	■	S/D	E/O	L/R	B/L	O/E	T/P
D/N	■	■	■	V/J	■	R/W	■	■	■	P/T
K/D	E/R	V/A	L/O	A/I	D/N	■	G/B	S/A	Z/F	E/I
L/E	■	N/O	■	C/S	■	B/J	■	W/T	■	R/N
D/E	R/X	I/A	S/N	K/T	■	O/T	H/P	A/O	L/N	G/S
■	■	D/C	■	E/I	■	I/E	■	L/K	■	■
■	T/F	E/O	R/S	T/M	E/I	V/N	A/T	E/L	S/D	■

Reveal a completed crossword by deleting one of the two letters in each square

15/1

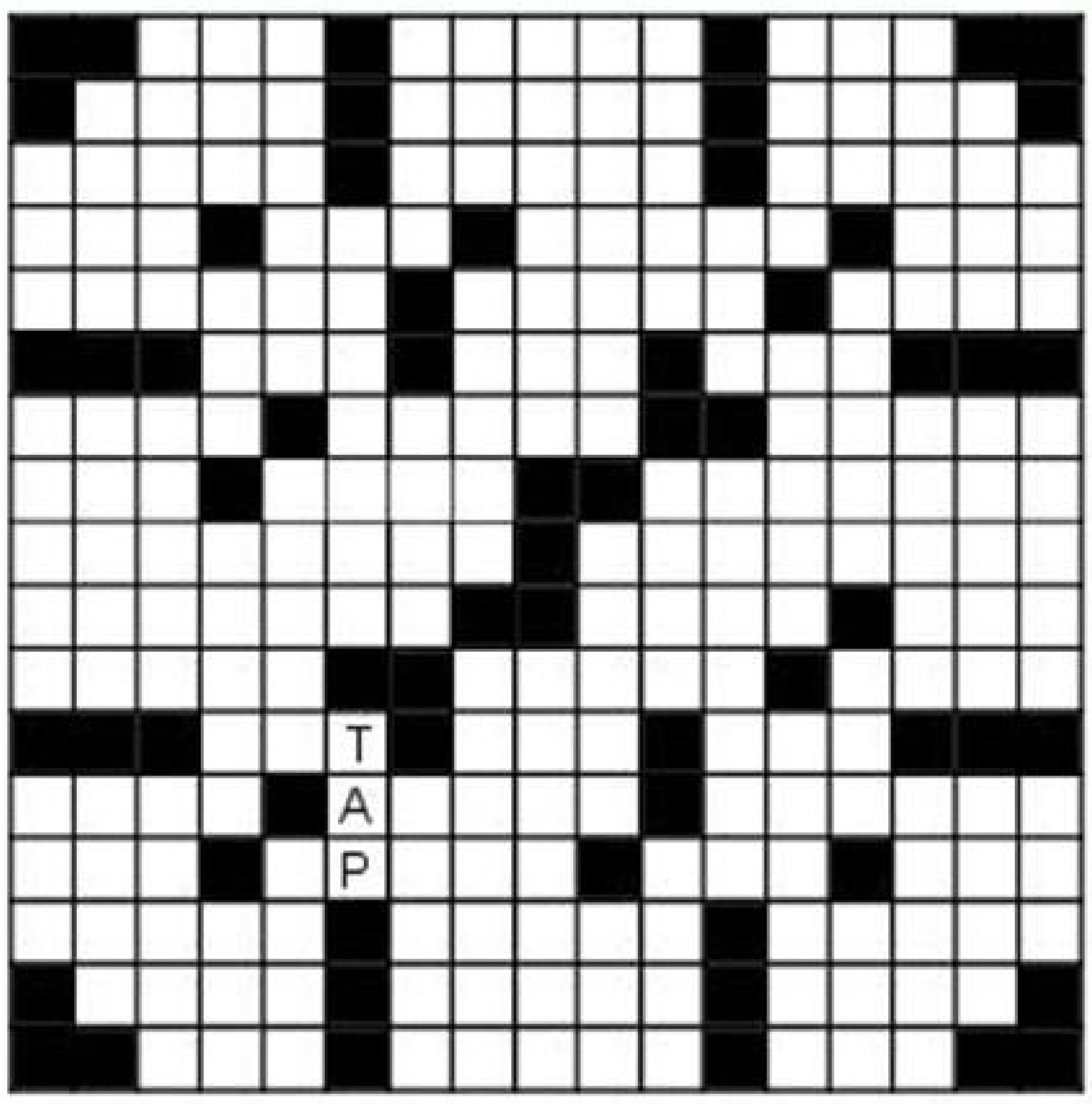
WORDFIT

Can you find all the words into the grid? We've given one to get you started.

3 LETTERS
- ADO
- AGE
- AIR
- AND
- ANT
- ANY
- ARE
- ASS
- ATE
- AWE
- CUR
- DEW
- DOE
- DYE
- ELK
- EMU
- FAT
- GAS
- ICY
- INN
- IRE
- IVY
- KIN
- NET
- PIP
- SEA
- SIT
- SKI
- SOT
- SUE
- TAP
- WEB

4 LETTERS
- ACTS
- APSE
- DYED
- MIME
- NAPE
- NEED
- ORAL
- OSLO
- OVUM
- OWED
- POLE
- POPS
- RULE
- SAGA
- SEER
- SORE
- SOUL
- STAB
- TRIO
- TWIN

5 LETTERS
- AIDED
- ARISE
- ARRAY
- BAULK
- BEANO
- BRUTE
- CADET
- DAISY
- DOTED
- ENSUE
- ERASE
- FRANC
- GALES
- ISLET
- LAPEL
- LEDGE
- LYRIC
- MIMIC
- NADIR
- NODDY
- OASIS
- PAINT
- PESOS
- PUREE
- RAMPS
- RESIN
- SCANS
- SKIRL
- SLIDE
- SPADE
- SPRAT
- STEAM
- STINT
- STRAW
- SWAMI
- SWARM



6 LETTERS
- CRYING
- INCITE
- OREGON
- TOMATO

7 LETTERS
- ANAEMIA
- CARDIAC
- DISSENT
- INGRATE
- ISOLATE
- OVATION
- ROWBOAT
- SOPRANO

8 LETTERS
- NOVELIST
- SIDEWALK

WORDFIT

Previous solution

BLACKOUT

Previous solution

BLACKOUT

T	L	C	S	O	C	H	M	G	H	B	O	H	G	E
M	O	O	N	S	H	I	N	E	R	Z	P	J	X	W
Z	C	I	I	H	A	N	U	O	A	M	P	E	R	E
S	K	I	P	Z	R	I	G	H	T	F	O	B	U	H
F	E	Y	Q	L	I	C	G	V	I	S	S	U	N	Y
G	R	O	P	E	S	D	E	M	O	T	I	O	N	S
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S	S	O	R	G	A	N	Z	R	A	P	I	E	R	C
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A	D	R	I	F	T	C	Y	B	P	E	N	N	E	D
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V	L	N	T	S	U	N	A	M	I	Q	B	Y	E	S
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S	T	E	N	C	H	E	O	D	Y	S	S	E	Y	G
I	E	A	T	U	T	V	S	M	F	F	Y	B	N	E

We have removed all the black squares from this crossword grid and replaced them with letters. Can you black out the surplus letters to reveal a finished crossword?

WORDSEARCH

Can you find all these words in the grid?

B	Y	Q	J	Q	Y	U	G	S	R	O	T	S	E	C	N	A	C
U	B	Y	C	J	L	T	R	I	P	L	E	T	A	W	V	W	H
B	A	V	T	Q	I	F	A	T	H	E	R	C	M	D	W	S	I
W	B	B	W	S	M	N	N	F	X	T	Z	L	O	A	P	I	L
S	L	C	U	U	A	T	N	J	M	K	A	A	T	U	N	B	D
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- ANCESTOR
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- BABY
- BROTHER
- CLAN
- CHILDREN
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- HUSBAND
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- KINFOLK
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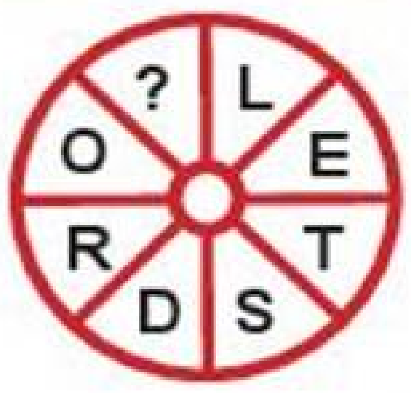
- MOTHER
- NANA
- NEPHEW
- PARENTS
- SIBLING
- NIECE
- OFFSPRING
- PARTNER
- POPPA
- PROGENY
- RELATIVE
- SCIONS
- SIBLING
- SISTER
- SON
- SPOUSE
- TRIBE
- TRIPLET
- TWIN
- UNCLE
- WIFE

WORDWHEEL

Fill in the missing letter to make an eight-letter word which can read either clockwise or anticlockwise



Previous solution:
OBLMION

5x5

Insert the missing letters to make ten words — five across the grid and five down. More than one solution may be possible.

	P		R	
S		G		R
	R		P	
I		L		S
	E		D	

PREVIOUS SOLUTIONS

9=6

■	S	K	I	■
A	T	O	N	E
R	E	A	D	Y
M	E	L	E	E
■	L	A	X	■

Anacross

E	N	G	U	L	F	S
■	A	■	P	■	R	■
M	U	F	F	L	E	R
■	G	■	R	■	E	■
S	H	R	O	U	D	S
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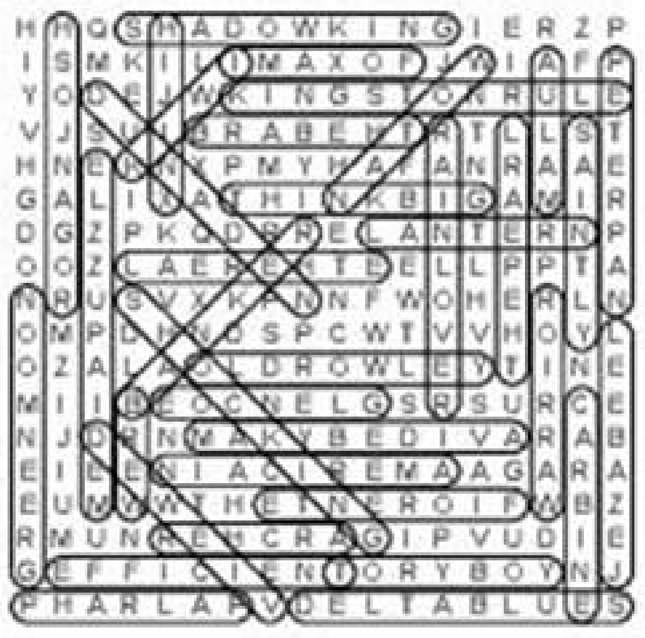
Wordsearch



Lyrical

60s: Down on the Corner, Creedence Clearwater Revival
70s: Kung Fu Fighting, Carl Douglas
80s: I'll Say Goodbye, The Exponents
90s: U Can't Touch This, MC Hammer
00s: Are You Gonna be my Girl, Jet
10s: Sign of the Times, Harry Styles

5x5

D	E	P	O	T
A	L	I	V	E
T	O	N	E	D
U	P	E	N	D
M	E	S	S	Y

THE Shark Quiz

BRYDON COVERDALE

From The Chase Australia

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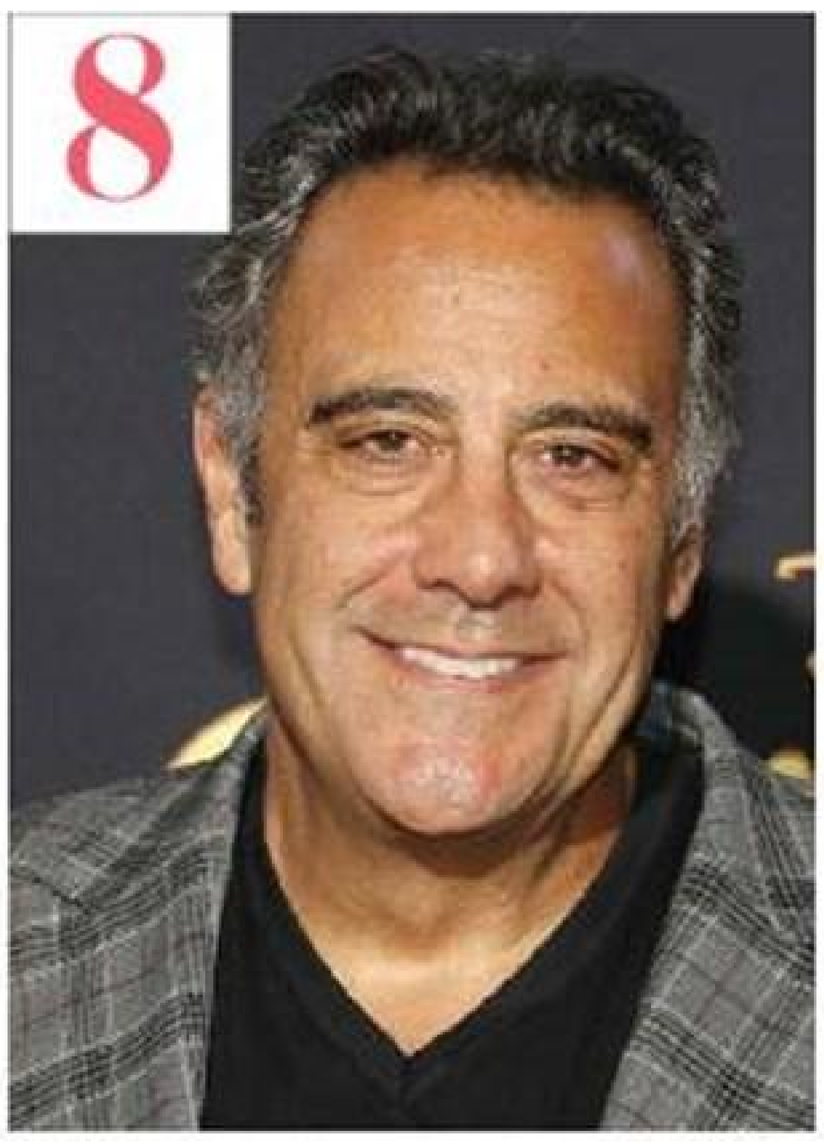

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1. Cirrus and cumulus are types of what?
2. What word beginning with A is another term for fishing with rod and reel?
3. Which Australian prime minister initiated a gun buyback scheme?
4. In maths, LCD stands for "lowest common..." what?
5. Which film features a famous scene of Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze at a pottery wheel?
6. What is the common three-word name for the long expanse of mountains and ranges that stretches from Cape York Peninsula to Victoria?
7. What vegetable gives borscht soup its distinctive colour?

SCORES

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8. Played by Brad Garrett, what is the name of Ray's police officer brother in the sitcom *Everybody Loves Raymond*?
9. If something is described as "recherché", is it rare or commonplace?
10. Billionaire tech entrepreneur Elon Musk was born in what country?
11. Which team won the AFL's wooden spoon in 2023?
12. How many stars appear on the Torres Strait Islander Flag?
13. What was revolutionary Che Guevara's real first name: Alberto, Ernesto or Joaquin?
14. What is both a traffic signal that allows cars to go, and the title of a 2017 hit song by Lorde?
15. Which classic Australian novel tells the story of two families, called the Lambs and the Pickles, who share a house in Perth in the 1940s?
16. On this day in 1967, which team based in Wisconsin won the first ever Super Bowl?
17. Which ABC TV show that was first broadcast in 1961 and is still on air today is the longest-running show in Australian television history?
18. The Caribbean island of Hispaniola is shared by Haiti and which other country?
19. Sir John Forrest was the first premier of which Australian state?

THE STUMPER

20. Which four Australians have won women's golf major titles?

Answers: 1. Clouds 2. Angling 3. John Howard 4. Denominator 5. Ghost 6. Great Dividing Range 7. Beetroot 8. Robert (Barone) 9. Rare 10. South Africa 11. West Coast 12. One 13. Ernesto 14. Green Light 15. Cloudstreet 16. Green Bay Packers 17. *Four Corners* 18. Dominican Republic 19. Western Australia 20. Jan Stephenson, Karrie Webb, Minjee Lee, Hannah Green

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With Mercury (ideas) now moving through Capricorn, it's an opportunity to find solutions to recently identified problems. And in our media driven world, it's worth remembering that the best answers aren't always found by an online search. As the tech industry showcases its latest developments at the start of the CES trade show, expect to see innovative advances in the world of AI and automatons. But nothing beats human heart-to-heart communication. And that's what the cosmos encourages today.

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 20

No matter which direction you turn, or how much you achieve, you're facing more and more demands on your time. It's hard to keep track of the promises and commitments you need to honour (let alone find the energy to invest in looking after your own life and relationships). How are you meant to know what to prioritise when you've got wrongs to right and people's needs to look after? Today brings a chance to simplify things. Something can be dropped from your to-do list. Let go of that, and you'll be able to move ahead. Solve problems. Ease troubles. Find solutions. For free audio and video forecasts visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

TAURUS APR 21–MAY 21

Although a positive attitude can get you a long way, even the most optimistic person in the world is going to find some things impossible. With the best will in the world, in some situations, certain goals are simply unattainable. I'm not mentioning this to dishearten you. Quite the opposite. It's just that past disappointments might tempt you to underestimate the possibility now being presented to you. You really can be confident today. Although there's no guarantee of success, know that the odds are stacked in your favour. Great news awaits. For free audio and video forecasts visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

GEMINI MAY 22–JUN 22

We're going to test your mind reading skills. If you take a moment to close your eyes and relax, can you tell what the rest of your prediction is going to say? Of course you can't. There's no way you can know unless you read it. In fact, your forecast is going to tell you that you need to open your eyes and take a good look at an issue you'd prefer to ignore. Your ruler, Mercury, in earthy Capricorn, brings the courage and the clarity to see the path you need to follow to bring success your way. You need to focus on your needs today. To find out how your life could change for the better, check out your free forecasts. Visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

CANCER JUN 23–JUL 23

I was recently watching a documentary about parrots. Their ability to imitate made me think about how humans share that skill. We copy words, people and ideas. Sometimes, when we try out different ways of being, or different viewpoints, we sound as if we don't know what's going on. Then, we learn from other folk's reactions, and adapt. Mimicry is part of our developmental process. Yet there are times when we appear to be communicating, but the words and actions are devoid of real meaning. Watch out for that today. What does your heart desire and can you achieve it? For free audio and video forecasts visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

LEO JUL 24–AUG 23

When we're caught up in a confusing situation it's hard to envisage the ideal way to resolve it. But are you so embroiled in a need to avoid a particular issue (or relationship) that you'll settle for anything that seems better than it is right now? Yes, there are times when we have to shrug our shoulders, and deal with whatever life brings our way. But the current cosmic climate is offering you options. Don't lose sight of your standards today. Despite the uncertainty you're experiencing, you're close to attaining a significant goal. View your challenges in a new light. For free audio and video forecasts visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

VIRGO AUG 24–SEP 23

Everything about life seems circular. The moon circles around our planet. Our planet circles around the sun. And the sun rotates around its axis. And our minds seem to follow this same pattern. The cogs keep turning, and activating more cogs, which keep spinning. Your mind has been in a whirl recently. With so much going on, it's no wonder you're feeling a bit dizzy. Today, with your ruler, Mercury, settling into Capricorn, something starts making sense. You'll find that once that happens, you'll regain a sense of balance. Will the dream you're chasing come true? Find out. For free audio and video forecasts visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

LIBRA SEP 24–OCT 23

Although you can see a logical way to get to where you want to go, it doesn't look very enticing. Either it's going to be more expensive than you can afford. Or it involves crossing a particularly challenging terrain. You're hesitating, in the hope of discovering an alternative route. Yet, in your heart of hearts, you know it's going to be impossible to find one. So, your best option is to seek assistance. There are people around who can help smooth the way ahead. Explaining your needs takes courage. But the results will be worth it. For great advice to guide you to a brighter future, visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

SCORPIO OCT 24–NOV 22

Imagine how you'd respond if everything started falling apart? Or how you'd manage if life only presented you with challenges, awkward people and impossible scenarios? If you want to picture a never-ending litany of worst-case scenarios, no-one's going to stop you. But I'm hoping you see how preposterous that notion is. Life on planet Earth might be crazy and unpredictable. But don't let your imagination take you down that unhelpful path. Instead, focus on how you can cope with an improvement. One is heading your way. Live life to the max. Check out your free audio and video forecasts. Visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23–DEC 21

It doesn't matter how convincingly someone explains something, we only hear what we want to hear and believe what we want to believe. And even if something is staring us in the face, we only see what we want to see. And since we tend to be much better at talking than listening, it's no wonder there's so much misunderstanding and miscommunication. Which means we learn to expect disharmony, even when we share common ground. Don't distrust the opportunity coming your way. You might not understand it now. But you will. Change is possible. For free audio and video forecasts visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

CAPRICORN DEC 22–JAN 20

If we scratch beneath any surface, we find something waiting to be uncovered. Even a simple, random remark can be hiding emotions. If you're going to make the decision you need to make right now, there are certain issues to be taken into consideration. Otherwise, you might let your expectations inform your judgement and jump to the wrong conclusion. With Mercury (intellect) in your sign, you can carefully weigh up all the factors and come to a decision that has a powerfully positive effect on your future wellbeing. You've got so much to look forward to. Check out your free audio and video forecasts. Visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

AQUARIUS JAN 21–FEB 19

Think back to when you were at school. Every new term brought harder lessons to learn. Even though those days might be long over, we're all still students at the school of life; and a new year brings a different set of challenges. It doesn't seem to get any easier. As soon as we've got to grips with something, something else pops up. And if we don't learn the lesson, it re-presents itself, in a different format, until we do. With Mercury in a new sector of the sky, you've got the ability to look at an old problem and deal with it perfectly. Nothing is hopeless. If you want news, check out your free audio and video forecasts. Visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

PISCES FEB 20–MAR 20

As a chess-lover, I'm delighted by the resurgence in its popularity. With all the apps and online games, it's become accessible to anyone who likes pushing their strategic thinking to new levels. Yet satisfying though this kind of gameplay can be, it's only useful in certain scenarios. You're dealing with a situation that suits your emotional intelligence. And with Mercury (intellect) now in earthy Capricorn, your sensitivity, kindness and generosity are more effective than ever. Don't underestimate your strengths today. What's in the sky? Helpful planetary alignments. For free forecasts visit **ozfree.cainer.com**

Sydney 24° **Canberra 20°** **Melbourne 28°** **Adelaide 34°** **Perth 37°** **Darwin 29°** **Hobart 23°**

Brisbane Seven-Day Forecast

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30°C	23/28°C	22/30°C	23/31°C	23/31°C	24/31°C	23/32°C
Showers	Showers	Shower or two	Shower or two	Shower or two	Shower or two	Shower or two

Brisbane, Southeast Coast & Regions

Brisbane Metro
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely from the late morning. Chance of a thunderstorm. Winds south to SE 15 to 25 km/h becoming light evening.

Southeast Coast
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely from the late morning. Chance of a storm. Winds south to SE 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then SE 15 to 25 km/h morning.

Sunshine Coast
Cloudy. Very high chance of showers, most likely from the late morning. Chance of a storm. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h becoming light late evening.

Gold Coast
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely from the late morning. Chance of a storm. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h.

Moreton Bay
Winds: Southeasterly 15 to 20 knots. Seas: Around 1 m. Weather: Partly cloudy. 90% chance of showers. Chance of a storm.

REGIONS

Peninsula
Cloudy. Very high chance of showers, tending to rain areas in the west. Chance of a storm. Light winds.

Gulf Country
Cloudy. Very high chance of showers, tending to rain in the east with heavy falls possible. Chance of a storm, possibly severe. Light winds becoming northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h morning.

Northern Goldfields and Upper Flinders
Partly cloudy. Very high chance of showers in the north, medium chance elsewhere. Chance of a storm. Heavy falls possible in the north. Winds northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then east to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h morning.

North Tropical Coast and Tablelands
Cloudy. Very high chance of showers. Heavy falls possible morning in the south. Chance of storm. Light winds.

Herbert and Lower Burdekin
Cloudy. Very high chance of showers in the north, medium elsewhere. Chance of a storm, possibly severe. Light winds becoming E 15 to 25 km/h morning then light late evening.

Central Coast and Whitsundays
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers near the coast, medium chance elsewhere. Chance of a storm in the south. Winds SE 15 to 20 km/h turning easterly 20 to 30 km/h morning.

Capricornia
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely late morning and afternoon. Chance of a storm. Winds east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then E to SE 15 to 25 km/h morning.

Central Highlands and Coalfields
Medium chance of showers. Chance of a storm in the east from late morning. Winds E 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then E 15 to 25 km/h morning.

Central West
Mostly sunny. Slight chance of a shower. Chance of a storm afternoon and evening. Winds east to northeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.

Northwest
Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers north of Mt Isa, slight elsewhere. Chance of a storm. Winds east to NE 20 to 30 km/h.

Channel Country
Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower in the east later. Chance of a storm from the late morning. Winds easterly 15 to 25 km/h.

Maranoa and Warrego
Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers SW, slight chance elsewhere. Chance of a storm from late morning. Winds E to northeasterly 15 to 25 km/h.

Darling Downs and Granite Belt
Partly cloudy. Medium chance of showers from the late morning. Chance of a storm from late morning. Winds E 20 to 30 km/h.

Wide Bay and Burnett
Partly cloudy. High chance of showers, most likely late morning and afternoon. Chance of a storm. Winds southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h becoming light before dawn then east to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h morning.

NSW Northern Rivers
Cloudy. Very high chance of showers, most likely afternoon and evening. Chance of a storm. Winds southerly 15 to 20 km/h turning southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h late morning.

Observed Temperatures and Rainfall

	Max	Min	Rain		Max	Min	Rain		Max	Min	Rain
Ayr	31	24	0.4	Emerald	36	22	0	Palmerville	32	24	21
Birdsville	42	30	0	Georgetown	31	23	22	Richmond	38	23	0
Blackall	37	24	0	Gladstone	32	24	0.4	Rockhampton	33	24	0
Bowen	29	24	0	Gympie	31	21	0.2	Roma	37	22	0
Bundaberg	31	23	1	Ipswich	33	18	0	St George	38	25	0
Burketown	31	24	67	Kingaroy	32	17	0	Stanthorpe	28	15	0.1
Cairns	31	24	86	Longreach	39	25	0	Thangool	33	21	9
Camooweal	36	27	0.2	Mackay	31	24	3	Thargomindah	39	27	0
Charleville	34	24	0	Maroochydore	30	23	0	Toowoomba	29	17	0
Clermont	35	21	0	Maryborough	31	23	4	Townsville	30	25	13
Cloncurry	39	26	0	Miles	36	20	0	Urandangi	na	na	na
Cooktown	32	24	36	Moranbah	33	21	0	Warwick	31	17	0
Coolangatta	31	22	0	Mt Isa	37	26	0	Weipa	30	25	55
Dalby	35	17	0	Nambour	30	22	0.2	Winton	40	24	0
Adelaide	31	18	0	**Canberra**	23	14	30	**Melbourne**	23	16	0.4
Alice Springs	40	24	0	**Darwin**	31	26	36	**Perth**	36	23	0
Brisbane	33	21	0.2	**Hobart**	21	12	0	**Sydney**	27	20	5

Maximum temp - 6 hours from 9am to 3pm yesterday. Minimum temp and rainfall (mm) - 24 hours, to 9am yesterday.

Southern Oscillation Index

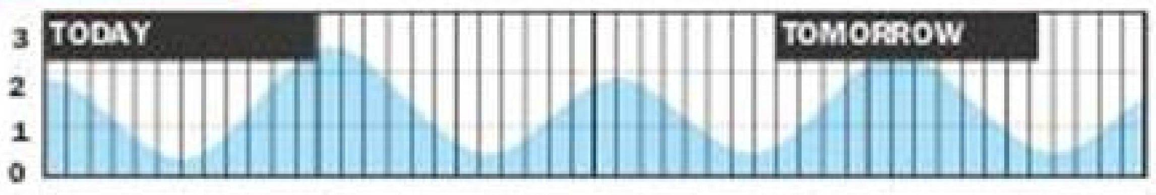
Current Week	Last Week
-2	-2

Monthly

December	November
-2.4	-8.6

Tides

Brisbane River Mouth



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2.0m	0.4m	2.6m	0.5m	2.0m	0.5m	2.5m	0.5m

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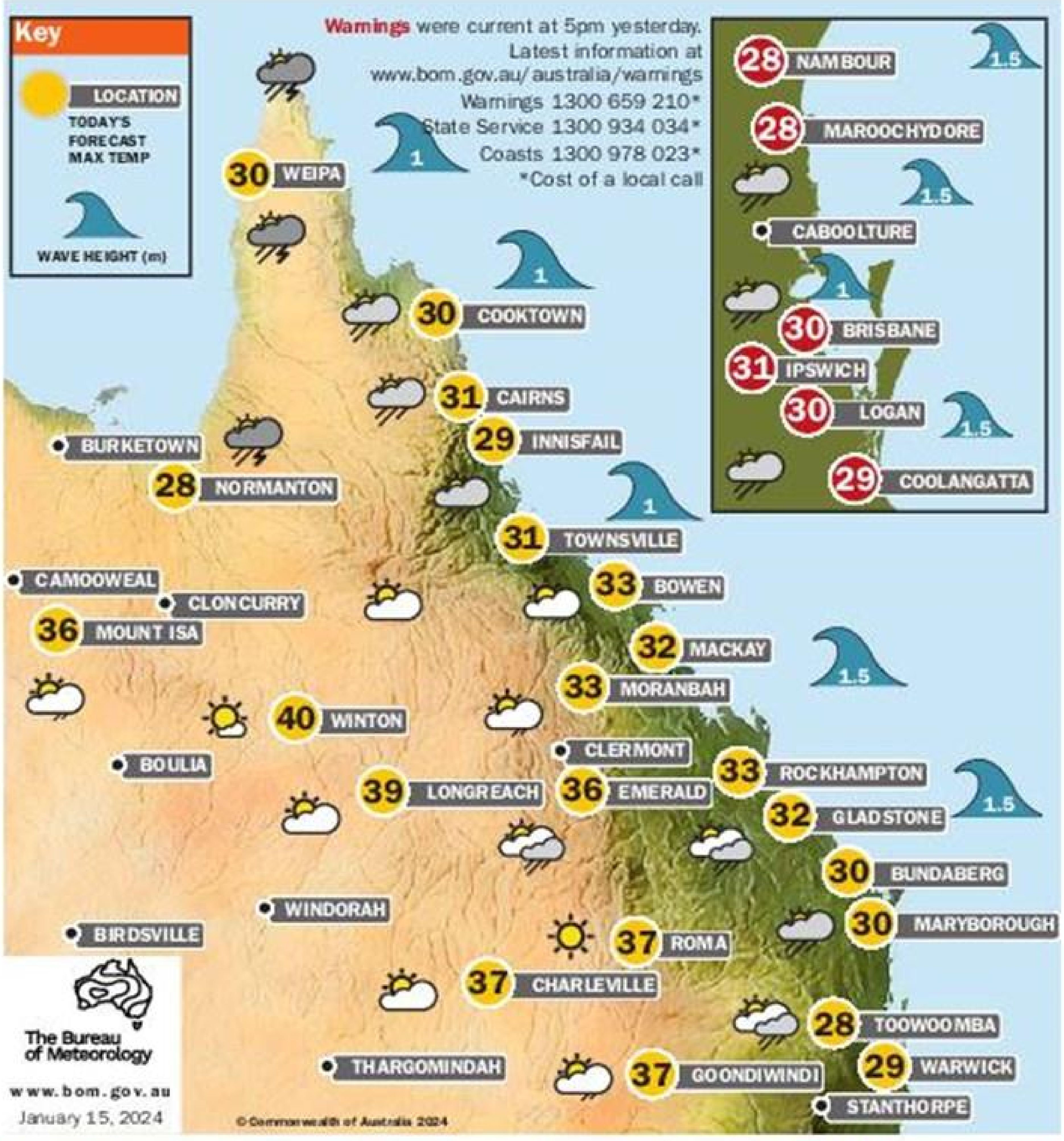

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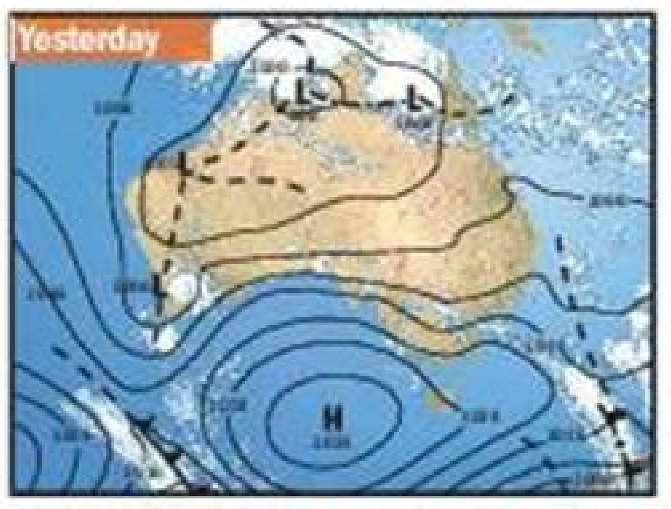
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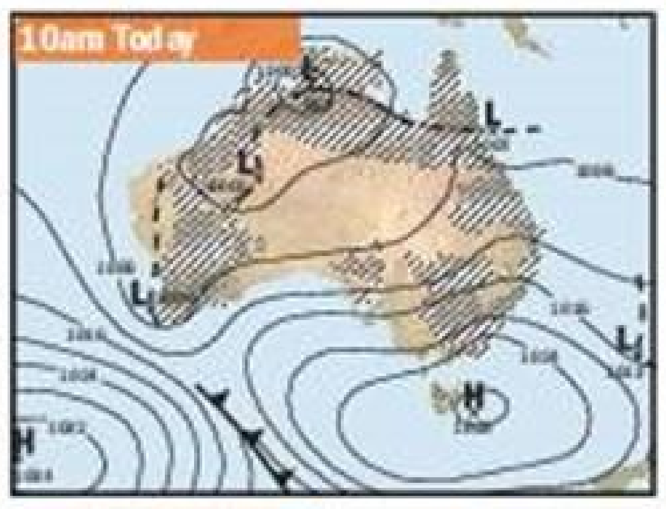
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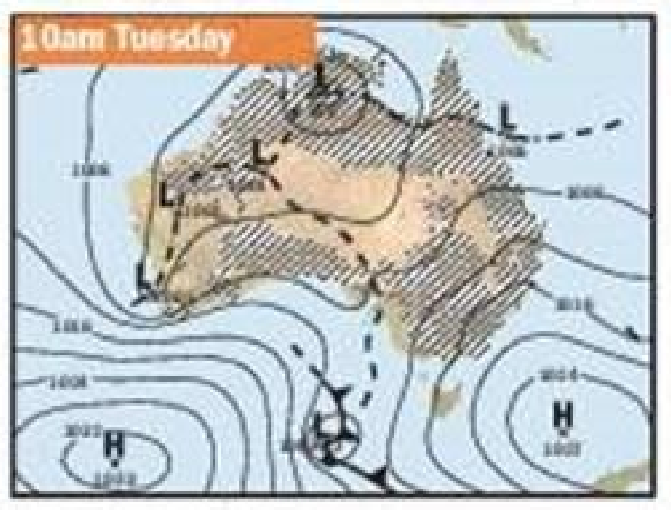
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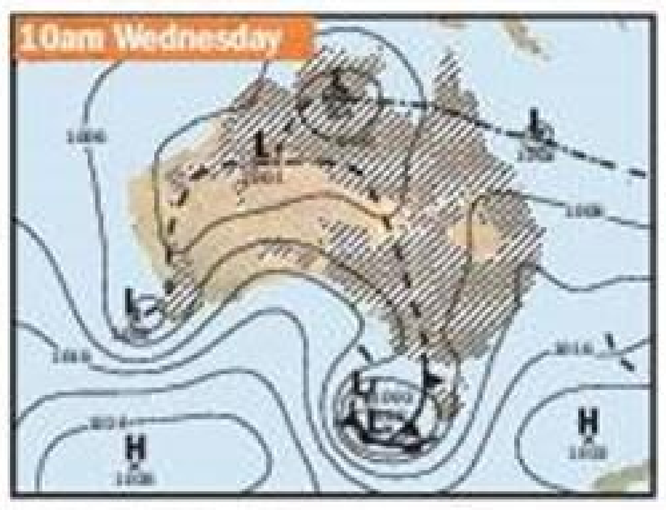
10am Wednesday

Night sky

◐	○	◑	●
Jan 18	Jan 26	Feb 3	Feb 10

	Sunrise	Sunset
Monday	5:06 am	6:48 pm
Tuesday	5:07 am	6:48 pm
Wednesday	5:08 am	6:48 pm

	Moonrise	Moonset
Monday	8:50 am	9:49 pm
Tuesday	9:55 am	10:23 pm
Wednesday	10:58 am	10:56 pm

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Algiers	18	4	Dubai	27	16	New York	1	-5
Amsterdam	6	3	Dublin	2	-1	Noumea	33	25
Asuncion	35	26	Frankfurt	4	0	Oslo	-6	-10
Athens	16	5	Geneva	5	-1	Paris	3	1
Auckland	26	20	Helsinki	-4	-18	Port Vila	32	25
Bangkok	36	25	Hong Kong	24	18	Quito	23	11
Barcelona	18	12	Honolulu	27	19	Rio De Janeiro	35	24
Beijing	4	-9	Istanbul	12	6	Rome	15	7
Belgrade	10	3	Jakarta	29	26	San Francisco	14	8
Berlin	3	1	Johannesburg	27	15	Seoul	1	-7
Brussels	2	0	Kuala Lumpur	33	25	Singapore	32	24
Bucharest	10	-3	London	2	-1	Stockholm	-3	-9
Budapest	4	-5	Los Angeles	18	9	Suva	29	25
Buenos Aires	32	20	Madrid	15	12	Tel Aviv	16	12
Cape Town	26	17	Montreal	-5	-8	Tokyo	11	3
Chicago	-16	-20	Moscow	-15	-23	Vancouver	-1	-8
Christchurch	17	12	Mumbai	33	19	Vienna	3	-2
Colombo	30	22	Nairobi	25	17	Warsaw	1	0
Copenhagen	-1	-7	Nassau	27	23	Washington	2	-6
Denpasar	33	27	New Delhi	19	4	Wellington	21	17

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RYAN, Raymond Robert

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06 Jan 2024

RYAN, Raymond Robert late of Wavell Heights, passed away peacefully on Saturday January 6, after a brief illness, at the age of 93. He was the beloved husband of Lorna Ryan for 71 years, proud father and father-in-law of Di and Karen, Robyn and Garry, [illegible], Geoff and Annette and Carolyn, adored Grandfather to Tom, Gemma, Jen, Ben, Kylie, Nick, Kim and Holly and Great Grandfather to Lucy, Henry, Hollie, Austin, Meika, Ava and Patrick. Family and friends are invited to attend Ray's funeral service to be held at Albany Creek Memorial Park, 400 Albany Creek Road, Bridgeman Downs on Friday January 19 at 2:00pm.

SWALWELL, Margaret Joan

28/11/1937 - 08/01/2024

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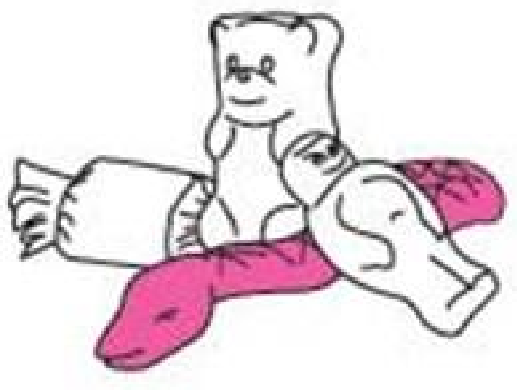

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Wildcats do too little

Perth Wildcats have come under fire for leaving import forward Kristian Doolittle on the court for nine minutes after a head knock.

Doolittle (pictured) looked clearly dazed after running into a Mitch Creek screen at the start of the third quarter in Saturday night's Wildcats-Phoenix clash at RAC Arena.

NBL commentator Peter Hooley noticed the incident – which left Doolittle shaken and grabbing his head – and called for the Wildcats import to immediately assessed.

"Doolittle needs to come out of this game," Hooley said. "He bumped heads with Mitch Creek and he is stumbling for a little bit. He looks really worse for wear and it took him a while to get over half court. If I'm the Perth Wildcats staff, I'd be having a quick check over anything to do with the head. Here is the incident – it looked like (Doolittle) was trying to gain his balance."

Minutes passed and Doolittle remained on the floor in the third quarter, despite appearing dazed and shaking his head. It coincided with the Wildcats failing to score a point to start the third after having a double-figure lead at the break.

Hooley couldn't believe a dazed Doolittle remained in the game.

"I'm still shocked he is out there," he said. "You've got to get Doolittle out of this game right now, the way he is still holding his head.

"He is not right whatsoever and he has continued to hold his head. The word has got to get down to the Wildcats bench – he is still doing it (holding his head) now trying to gather himself.

"He has just got to get out of this game and someone has to check on him. He is looking for a sub right now – he is clearly not right."

Doolittle finally got subbed out with 4.55 minutes remaining in the third quarter.

The incident prompted Hooley to declare basketball as a sport is "really poor at trying to look after the head".

Melbourne United has been thorough when dealing with concussions involving Matthew Dellavedova and Shea Ili but the Doolittle incident wasn't a good look for Perth. It's why Hooley was within his rights to call it out.

"Any player that has to deal with any sort of concussion – just watching it – it gives me a shivers to be honest," he said.

"Because he has been doing this since they bumped heads and the immediate reaction of trying to find his balance is really unsettling to watch."

Doolittle's concussion also didn't go unnoticed online, with fans taking to X to leave a barrage of comments.

"What's wrong with the Perth Wildcats' coaching and medical team that they can't see how Doolittle is struggling after clashing heads earlier?" one fan asked.

"Why leave him out there so long?"

Another supporter said: "Get Doolittle off Perth Wildcats his head isn't right. Protect the player."

Wildcats coach John Rillie was asked about Doolittle post-game.

"He is with the doctors going through the medical testing they do," Rillie said.

"We've just got to wait and see what the results with that are. Tough to see."

LOCK IN TATUM FOR LONG TERM

Justin Tatum is firming to be offered the Illawarra job full-time after guiding the Hawks from the NBL's cellar to the top six.

Tatum has been terrific in reigniting the struggling Hawks – and deserves to be rewarded with a long-term deal.

The father of Boston Celtics superstar Jayson Tatum has proven his worth in the interim role as a man manager who can get the best out of his players.

This was on show in the double overtime win against the JackJumpers on Saturday.

Illawarra officials should secure Tatum now, to start building for next season and beyond.

Adams too good to be lazy

Jaylen Adams is one of the finest players the NBL has seen in recent years, so he is better than just giving up on a defensive play.

This was on show during Sydney's disappointing loss to Adelaide on Thursday night.

The Kings had everything to play for, coming off consecutive home defeats.

Instead, Sydney turned up to Adelaide and laid an egg, especially on the defensive end.

The Kings gave up 42 points in the first half to look "all lost at sea" in defence, according to the commentary team.

Adams was called out by commentator Ryan Broekhoff late in the fourth quarter, when he gave up a turnover, but just stopped and didn't chase back on an Adelaide fast break.

"Look at the effort from Adams – there is no effort getting back in defensive transition – he just stopped," Broekhoff said.

"That's not the effort that you need at this point in the game. Make a mistake, that's fine, but get back on defence."

Adams responded in style on Sunday, dropping a game-high 39 points in Sydney's blowout win over the New Zealand Breakers.

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Kings coach Mahmoud Abdelfattah speaks to Jaylen Adams during the clash with Adelaide. Picture: Getty Images

NBL 2023-24 SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
Phoenix v 36ers
6.30pm, State Basketball Centre

THURSDAY
Hawks v Taipans
6.30pm, WIN Entertainment Centre

FRIDAY
Jackjumpers v Melbourne United
6.30pm, MyState Bank Arena
Wildcats v Bullets
8.30pm, RAC Arena

SATURDAY
Breakers v Phoenix
4.30pm, Spark Arena
Hawks v 36ers
7pm, WIN Entertainment Centre

SUNDAY
Kings v Wildcats
1pm, Qudos Bank Arena
Taipans v Bullets
3pm, Cairns Convention Centre

STANDINGS

	W	L	P%
Melbourne United	**16**	**5**	**108.4**
Perth Wildcats	**13**	**7**	**102.6**
Tasmania JJs	**11**	**11**	**105.3**
Sydney Kings	**11**	**11**	**101.6**
Brisbane Bullets	**11**	**11**	**98.2**
Illawarra Hawks	**9**	**10**	**99.0**
Cairns Taipans	10	12	98.9
SE Melbourne Phoenix	9	12	94.6
NZ Breakers	8	12	98.6
Adelaide 36ers	7	14	93.5

Phoenix desperate to rise from cursed season in push for finals

Gary Browne is battling injury.

Injuries have hit the South East Melbourne Phoenix hard again this season – and it will prompt the club to conduct a review of its medical procedures.

The Phoenix is in eighth position on the NBL ladder following another inconsistent campaign, and while the team is not blaming injuries for its slide, it acknowledges it has played a role.

Phoenix has lost Craig Moller for the season (knee), while guard Gary Browne has battled with a groin injury for extended periods.

The club's injury woes reached breaking point in a blowout loss to Illawarra without key stars Browne, Alan Williams and new import Abdel Nader due to injury.

South East Melbourne owner Romie Chaudhari confirmed the club would look into its recent injury issues.

"Injuries have played a big part in our season too, and while we don't make excuses, we have to factor that in," Chaudhari said.

"As a club, we will review our medical processes in the post-season and look at ways to not have a repeat of what has happened in NBL24."

The Phoenix remains in the mix for a top-six finals berth, but we'll need to start stringing wins together to catch the likes of Brisbane, Sydney and Illawarra.

Chaudhari has a simple message to his team with five regular season rounds remaining.

"The NBL title race remains a tight one so I've implored the club, the team and the staff to fight for every inch," he said.

"A few wins catapult us right back into title contention and that's what we're focused on.

"We have five home games left and we expect to cause some trouble late in the season and give our fans something to be proud of.

"As the late great Jimmy Valvano said, 'don't give up. don't ever give up'.

"Of course we'd want to have more wins on court, but this season was a refresh for the team, a new coach and assistants and a bevy of new players that need time to set the foundation for future successes."

SPORT DETAILS

Cricket

BBL

Melbourne Renegades v Melbourne Stars
Match 36 at Marvel Stadium

Melbourne Stars innings

T ROGERS c O'Neill b Richardson	23 (17)
D LAWRENCE lbw b Rogers	8 (5)
B WEBSTER c Richardson b Hosein	29 (34)
G MAXWELL c F-McGurk b Richardson	20 (10)
M STOINIS b Hosein	2 (5)
H CARTWRIGHT c (sub) b O'Neill	38 (30)
I WASIM c Fraser-McGurk b Zampa	14 (14)
P HANDSCOMB not out	3 (4)
N COULTER-NILE run out (J. Cox)	0 (1)
Eight wickets for	137

Fall: 21, 37, 61, 64, 95, 122, 137, 137

Bowling: F O'Neill 4-0-39-1, A Hosein 4-0-18-2, T Rogers 4-0-36-1, A Zampa 4-0-27-1, K Richardson 4-0-17-2. **Overs:** 20

Melbourne Renegades innings

S MARSH not out	64 (49)
A FINCH c Maxwell b Paris	0 (3)
J F-MCGURK c Handscomb b C.-Nile	42 (31)
J COX c Cartwright b Coulter-Nile	4 (2)
W SUTHERLAND c Rogers b Boland	10 (5)
J WELLS not out	14 (15)
Extras (3b 1w 1nb)	5
Four wickets for	139

Fall: 10, 78, 82, 93

Bowling: J Paris 3-0-20-1, S Boland 3.2-0-27-1, I Wasim 3-0-28-0, N Coulter-Nile 4-0-25-2, M Stoinis 2-0-26-0, G Maxwell 1-0-6-0, B Webster 1-0-4-0. **Overs:** 17.2

Result: Renegades won by 6 wickets

Football

A-League Men, Rd 12

WESTERN UNITED 3 (B Garuccio 3, Daniel Penha 74, 85) drew **MACARTHUR FC 3** (U Davila 32, 51, 90) at Commbank Stadium.

WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS 1 (D Pierias 27) d **MELBOURNE CITY 0** at Commbank Stadium.

CENTRAL COAST MARINERS 1 (J Rooc 89) drew **MELBOURNE VICTORY 1** (D Arzani 33) at Allianz Stadium.

ADELAIDE UNITED 4 (H Ibusuki 24, 34, 73, N Irankunda 50) d **SYDNEY FC 3** (A Caceres 7, J Lolley 76, 95) at Allianz Stadium. Referee: Alex King.

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Melbourne Victory	12	6	6	0	25	14	11	24
Western Sydney	12	6	3	3	20	12	8	21
Wellington Phoenix	11	6	3	2	18	12	6	21
Central Coast	12	5	3	4	23	18	5	18
Adelaide United	13	5	3	5	27	23	4	18
Melbourne City	12	5	3	4	23	19	4	18
Macarthur FC	13	4	6	3	22	23	-1	18
Sydney FC	12	5	0	7	20	24	-4	15
Brisbane Roar	11	4	2	5	17	25	-8	14
Newcastle Jets	11	3	4	4	18	20	-2	13
Perth Glory	11	2	2	7	18	24	-6	8
Western United	12	2	1	9	11	28	-17	7

A-League Women, Rd 12

PERTH GLORY 1 (J Rankin 60 og) drew **MELBOURNE VICTORY 1** (R Lowe 28) at Leichhardt Oval. Referee: Caitlin Williams.

CENTRAL COAST MARINERS 2 (R Badawiya 23, P Trimis 34) d **WELLINGTON PHOENIX 1** (E Main 3) at Leichhardt Oval. Referee: Bec Mackie.

CANBERRA UNITED 3 (M Heyman 50, 51, V Milivojevic 64) d **ADELAIDE UNITED 1** (I Hodgson 46) at Leichhardt Oval. Referee: Rebecca Durcau.

NEWCASTLE JETS 2 (S Bolden 63, T Yallop 77 og) d **BRISBANE ROAR 1** (M Corbin 65) at Leichhardt Oval. Referee: Isabella Libri.

SYDNEY FC 1 (C Vine 70) d **WESTERN UNITED 0** at Allianz Stadium. Referee: Casey Lisa Reibelt.

WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS 1 (H Caspers 67) d **MELBOURNE CITY 0** at CommBank Stadium. Referee: Isabella Blaoss.

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Melbourne City	12	8	2	2	28	18	10	26
Perth Glory	12	6	3	3	17	13	4	21
Sydney FC	11	5	4	2	12	7	5	19
Western Sydney	11	5	2	4	15	12	3	17
Western United	12	5	2	5	17	18	-1	17
Newcastle Jets	12	5	2	5	20	22	-2	17
Wellington	12	5	1	6	17	14	3	16
Melbourne Victory	12	4	3	5	18	17	1	15
Central Coast	11	4	3	4	12	12	0	15
Brisbane Roar	12	3	4	5	15	21	-6	13
Canberra United	11	2	4	5	23	25	-2	10
Adelaide United	12	2	2	8	14	29	-15	8

Asian Cup

Group B: Australia 2 (Irvine 51, Bos 74) India 0; Uzbekistan 0 Syria 0

Group A: China 0 Tajikistan 0

English Premier League

Newcastle United 2 (Isak 35, Gordon 37) Manchester City 3 (Silva 26, De Bruyne 74, Bobb 90+1); Chelsea 1 (Palmer 45+4 pen) Fulham 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	20	13	6	1	43	18	45
Man City	20	13	4	3	48	23	43
Aston Villa	20	13	3	4	43	27	42
Arsenal	20	12	4	4	37	20	40
Tottenham	20	12	3	5	42	29	39
West Ham	20	10	4	6	33	30	34
Brighton	20	8	7	5	38	33	31
Chelsea	21	9	4	8	35	31	31
Man Utd	20	10	1	9	22	27	31
Newcastle	21	9	2	10	41	32	29
Wolves	20	8	4	8	30	31	28
Bournemouth	19	7	4	8	28	35	25
Fulham	21	7	3	11	28	36	24
Crystal Palace	20	5	6	9	22	29	21
Nottm Forest	20	5	5	10	24	35	20
Brentford	19	5	4	10	26	31	19
Everton	20	8	2	10	24	28	16
Luton Town	20	4	4	12	24	38	16
Burnley	21	3	3	15	21	42	12
Sheff Utd	20	2	3	15	15	49	9

English Championship

Ipswich Town 2 (Jackson 34, Chaplin 76) Sunderland 1 (Clarke 27); Millwall 1 (Bryan 11) Middlesbrough 3 (Engel 39, Jones 59, Forss 90+6); Plymouth Argyle 1 (Whittaker 13) Huddersfield Town 1 (Koroma 39); Rotherham United 0 Stoke City 1 (Baker 50); West Bromwich Albion 4 (Fellows 12, Thomas-Asante 31, 64, Hyam 33 og) Blackburn Rovers 1 (Garrett 61); Cardiff City 0 Leeds United 3 (Bamford 14, James 32, Rutter 89); Southampton 4 (Adams 36, Armstrong 64, Fraser 76, Mara 86) Sheffield Wednesday 0; Swansea City 2 (Darling 37, Lowe 59) Birmingham City 2 (Dembele 39, James 90+6); Preston North End 2 (Keane 66, 78) Bristol City 0; Coventry City 3 (O'Hare 80, 90+5, van Ewijk 89) Leicester City 1 (Dewsbury-Hall 44 pen)

Basketball

NBL, Rd 15

BRISBANE BULLETS 80 (C Smith 19 T Harrison 13 S McDaniel 12 J Bannan 12) d **TASMANIA JACKJUMPERS 77** (M Doyle 19 J McVeigh 17 J Crawford 13) at Nissan Arena.

ADELAIDE 36ERS 95 (T Kell 27 I Humphries 18 SD Doch 13 J Wiley 13) d **SYDNEY KINGS 82** (J Adams 20 A Glover 12 K Noi 11) at Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

MELBOURNE UNITED 82 (C Goulding 24 M Dellavedova 14 L Travers 13 A Hukporti 12) d **NEW ZEALAND BREAKERS 81** (A Lamb 22 P Jackson-Cartwright 21 M Mathiang 13) at TSB Stadium.

ILLAWARRA HAWKS 108 (G Clark 25 T Harvey 23 S Froling 23) d **TASMANIA JACKJUMPERS 107** (J Crawford 24 M Doyle 20 J McVeigh 16) in overtime at MyState Bank Arena.

CAIRNS TAIPANS 111 (T McCall 30 P Miller 25 A Gak 21) d **ADELAIDE 36ERS 101** (I Humphries 28 T Kell 25 D Vasiljevic 19) in overtime at Cairns Convention Centre.

PERTH WILDCATS 100 (B Cotton 34 T Webster 20 K Pinder 13) d **SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE 79** (M Creek 36 A Williams 12 B Ayre 10) at RAC Arena.

BRISBANE BULLETS 110 (N Sobey 25 C Smith 19 M Norton 18 T Harrison 18) d **ILLAWARRA HAWKS 103** (T Harvey 29 J Robinson 15 S Froling 15) at Nissan Arena.

SYDNEY KINGS 105 (J Adams 39 D Valentine 23 A Glover 13) d **NEW ZEALAND BREAKERS 76** (I Le'afa 15 C Gliddon 12 P Jackson-Cartwright 12) at Qudos Bank Arena.

	P	W	L	Win %	Pts %
Melbourne Utd	21	16	5	76.19	108.39
Perth Wildcats	20	13	7	65.00	102.57
Tas JackJumpers	22	11	11	50.00	105.25
Sydney Kings	22	11	11	50.00	101.61
Brisbane Bullets	22	11	11	50.00	98.22
Illawarra Hawks	19	9	10	47.37	99.01
Cairns Taipans	22	10	12	45.45	98.95
SE Melbourne	21	9	12	42.86	94.58
NZ Breakers	20	8	12	40.00	98.56
Adelaide 36ers	21	7	14	33.33	93.51

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WNBL, Rd 11

BENDIGO SPIRIT 96 (A Wehrung 18 C Samuels 13 A Wilson 12) d **ADELAIDE LIGHTNING 68** (I Borlase 16 B Basham 13 I Bourne 12 J Willoughby 12) at Red Energy Arena.

TOWNSVILLE FIRE 69 (Z Aokuso 17 S Whitcomb 16 C Woods 12) d **MELBOURNE BOOMERS 57** (K Froling 16 J Canada 13 N Hillmon 11) at Melbourne Sports Centres.

UC CAPITALS 81 (A Sharp 25 J Melbourne 24 G Potter 11) d **PERTH LYNX 75** (A Atwell 29 A Maley 12 E Potter 10) at National Convention Centre.

MELBOURNE BOOMERS 94 (N Hillmon 24 K Froling 19 J Canada 17) d **TOWNSVILLE FIRE 58** (C Brown 13 Z Aokuso 13 S Whitcomb 8 S Reid 8) at Melbourne Sports Centres.

SYDNEY FLAMES 87 (C George 28 P Bradley 18 D Richards 17) d **PERTH LYNX 84** (A Atwell 24 E Potter 16 M Goodchild 14) at Qudos Bank Arena.

BENDIGO SPIRIT 88 (K Geffin 25 M Kraker 13 A Froling 12 A Wilson 12) d **UC CAPITALS 66** (J Melbourne 13 A Sharp 11 A Fowler 10) at Red Energy Arena.

	P	W	L	Win %	Pts %
Townsville Fire	16	12	4	75.00	113.32
Melb Boomers	16	10	6	62.50	105.03
Perth Lynx	16	9	7	56.25	102.33
Sydney Flames	16	8	8	50.00	94.52
Southside Flyers	14	8	6	57.14	103.67
Bendigo Spirit	14	6	8	42.85	98.69
UC Capitals	14	4	10	28.57	92.36
Adel Lightning	16	4	12	25.00	91.06

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US PGA Tour Sony Open
at Honolulu, Hawaii (par 70)

Rd 3: 196: Grayson Murray (USA), Keegan Bradley (USA); **197:** Sam Stevens (USA); **199:** Taiga Semikawa (JPN), Matthieu Pavon (FRA), Chris Kirk (USA), An Byeong Hun (KOR), Ben Silverman (CAN); **200:** Troy Merritt (USA), Kurt Kitayama (USA), Emiliano Grillo (ARG), Austin Eckroat (USA); **201:** Taylor Montgomery (USA), Akshay Bhatia (USA), Stewart Cink (USA), Carl Yuan (CHN), Stephan Jäger (GER), Kim Seonghyeon (KOR), Nick Taylor (CAN), Russell Henley (USA), Patton Kizzire (USA); **202:** Brian Harman (USA), Tyrrell Hatton (ENG), Adam Svensson (CAN), Alexander Noren (SWE), Cameron Davis (AUS), Taylor Pendrith (CAN), Eric Cole (USA), Brandon Wu (USA), Ben Griffin (USA)

European Tour Dubai Invitational
at Dubai Creek, UAE (par 71)

Rd 3: 198: Tommy Fleetwood (ENG); **199:** Rory McIlroy (NIR); **201:** Thorbjorn Olesen (DEN); **202:** Jordan Smith (ENG), Thriston Lawrence (RSA), Zander Lombard (RSA); **203:** Sean Crocker (USA), Yannik Paul (GER), Rasmus Hojgaard (DEN); **205:** Adrian Meronk (POL); **206:** Ewen Ferguson (SCO), Li Haotong (CHN), Francesco Molinari (ITA), Richard Mansell (ENG); **207:** Tom McKibbin (NIR), Luke Donald (ENG), Joost Luiten (NED), Julien Guerrier (FRA), Nicolai Hojgaard (DEN), Adrián Otaegui (ESP); **208:** Guido Migliozzi (ITA), Ryan Fox (NZL); **209:** Romain Langasque (FRA), Sebastian Söderberg (SWE)

Tennis

Australian Open
Day 1 at Melbourne Park
(prefix denotes seeding)

Men's Singles, Rd 1: Jaume Munar (ESP) d Alexander Shevchenko (RUS) 6-3 6-3 6-1; Matteo Arnaldi (ITA) d Adam Walton (AUS) 7-6(5) 6-2 6-4; 4-Jannik Sinner (ITA) d Botic van de Zandschulp (NED) 6-4 7-5 6-3; Fabian Marozsan (HUN) d Marin Cilic (CRO) 6-1 2-6 6-2 7-6; 22-Francisco Cerundolo (ARG) d Dane Sweeny (AUS) 3-6 6-3 6-4 2-6 6-2; Pavel Kotov (RUS) d Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) 7-5 6-1 6-7(6) 6-7(5) 6-3; Tomas Machac (CZE) d Shintaro Mochizuki (JPN) 7-5 6-1 7-6; 5-Andrey Rublev (RUS) d Thiago Seyboth Wild (BRA) 7-5 6-4 3-6 4-6 7-6(6); 26-Sebastian Baez (ARG) d J.J. Wolf (USA) 3-6 6-2 6-3 3-0 ret.

Women's Singles, Rd 1: Alycia Parks (USA) d Daria Snigur (UKR) 2-6 6-2 6-4; 9-Barbora Krejcikova (CZE) d Mai Hontama (JPN) 2-6 6-4 6-3; 28-Lesia Tsurenko (UKR) d Lucia Bronzetti (ITA) 3-6 7-5 6-3; Kamilla Rakhimova (RUS) d Emina Bektas (USA) 6-4 6-4; Tamara Korpatsch (GER) d Jodie Burrage (GBR) 2-6 6-3 6-0; 32-Leylah Fernandez (CAN) d Sara Bejlek (CZE) 7-6(5) 6-2; Elina Avanesyan (RUS) d Bai Zhuoxuan (CHN) 4-6 7-5 6-2; Maria Timofeeva (RUS) d Alize Cornet (FRA) 6-2 6-4; 8-Maria Sakkari (GRE) d Nao Hibino (JPN) 6-4 6-1; Brenda Fruhvirtova (CZE) d Ana Bogdan (ROU) 2-6 6-4 6-3; Amanda Anisimova (USA) d 13-Liudmila Samsonova (RUS) 6-3 6-4; Diane Parry (FRA) d 30-Wang Xinyu (CHN) 6-3 2-6 6-3

American Football

NFL

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Lloyd's foreign quest

Trenton Akers

Queensland jockey Jaden Lloyd is pumped to get the chance to ride in Singapore like his dad Jeff (below). Main picture: Grant Peters/Trackside Photography

Jaden Lloyd will make a bucket list trip to Singapore to fill a spot on its jockey roster prior to the racing jurisdiction shutting down later this year.

The Queensland-based son of a gun will look to follow in his famous father Jeff's footsteps by winning the Group 1 Gold Cup on Kranji's final day of racing.

While many are fleeing racing in Singapore, Lloyd said it presented a huge opportunity to ride there before it shut down.

"The prizemoney has increased for the final year, it's actually very good prizemoney and everyone knows it is shutting down, but it's good to have on the resume," he said.

"I have always wanted to go up there and ride and I was running out of time, so I thought it was a good decision to get away from everything here for a bit and try my luck in Singapore.

"A couple of jockeys have already left, so they were looking for riders. Hopefully that presents a few opportunities. There are some really good ones up there still like Vlad Duric.

"I just want to go up there and work hard."

Jeff Lloyd won the Gold Cup at Singapore in 2006 as part of a successful stint in the city and Jaden said he was he keen to win the last edition of the race.

Lloyd, 21, will make the move there next month.

"I go on a holiday for two weeks and then my first meeting there is in three weeks. I'm really looking forward to it," he said.

"Dad won the Gold Cup up there, their biggest race, but he was there for about two years, so he has given me some advice. I want to go over there and ride for everyone, I'm not linked to one in particular.

"They have upped everything for the final year, they only race once a week but the money has to be good."

After 180 years of racing in Singapore, the famous Kranji racecourse will be knocked down to make way for public housing, with the final meeting to be run on October 4.

Giga kick in teeth

Champ's return delayed

Ben Dorries

Clayton Douglas says the Giga Kick camp is "dying for a rematch" with star mare Imperatriz, but revealed his champion sprinter had so far been unable to return to trackwork with his "strange injury".

The 2022 Everest winner was meant to be back in work by now but Douglas said he remained confined to light walking exercises on the treadmill.

A crucial medical scan in the next couple of weeks will determine the immediate racing future of the freak sprinter, who sustained an injury when finishing third behind Imperatriz in a controversial run that derailed Giga Kick's 2023 spring.

"He's on the treadmill, he's only doing light work until we get his next scan," Douglas said on Sunday.

"We were hoping the initial scan was going to be OK and he could resume trackwork, but the injury hadn't quite healed like we would have liked.

"We are in a holding pattern at the moment. We are on the back foot so far."

The Victorian trainer said it was possible Giga Kick could miss the entire autumn carnival, then return for the Brisbane winter to springboard into a spring tilt that would include an Everest mission.

But he is still not ruling out the autumn carnival, even though he knows Giga Kick is in a race against time with a deep-seated muscle injury to his hindquarters.

"We are dying for a rematch with Imperatriz at some point," Douglas said.

"But it is possible the scans could come back and Giga Kick still won't quite be ready.

"If we were having this discussion in two or three weeks time, we would definitely know what we are doing.

"But I am sitting on the fence at the moment. It's an injury that we can't physically see. He's injured muscle off his third trochanter bone, which is a strange and unique injury.

"We are just hoping that his next scan is fine."

RACE RESULTS

SUNSHINE COAST

Race 1: 2 Blagny $1.60 $1.10 3 Kahraba $1.10 4 Lady Deanne $5.30. Q: $1.50. E: $2.10. T: $45.40. A2: 2-3: $1.20, 2-4: $24.50, 3-4: $27.40. FIRST 4: (2 3 4 10) $217.20. Scr: 1,7,8.

Race 2: 7 Bella Tivaci $4.20 $1.70 9 Willnotquit $3.40 1 Sir Randolph $2.50. Q: $29.30. E: $68.60. T: $595.40. A2: 7-9: $7.90, 7-1: $8.10, 9-1: $32.30. FIRST 4: (7 9 1 2) $2,756.20. Scr: 5.

Race 3: 8 Jealous $2.00 $1.50 7 Dashing Hope $1.40 1 Keep Safe NTD. Q: $1.80. E: $4.00. T: $14.20. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (8 7 1 2) $65.40. Scr: 4,5,10,11,12.

Race 4: 3 Daintree Dreaming $3.80 $1.50 16 Ready To Mingle $19.90 8 Miss Bacall $1.60. Q: $207.70. E: $458.00. T: $2,018.70. A2: 3-16: $118.80, 3-8: $3.00, 16-8: $98.60. FIRST 4: (3 16 8 15) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 5,9,13,14.

Race 5: 6 Dirty Dancing $4.70 $1.90 8 Artie Pantz $2.90 11 City Chick $5.60. Q: $35.90. E: $80.30. T: $1,037.90. A2: 6-8: $14.20, 6-11: $21.90, 8-11: $32.40. FIRST 4: (6 8 11 12) $26,922.60. Scr: 2,7,10.

Race 6: 5 Bauhinia Rock $7.00 $2.20 3 Stick To Your Guns $1.60 8 Kozani $2.20. Q: $12.00. E: $27.50. T: $128.70. A2: 5-3: $3.80, 5-8: $10.70, 3-8: $3.50. FIRST 4: (5 3 8 2) $1,768.40. Scr: 1,6,9,11,12,13,14.

Race 7: 13 Pretty Little Lass $8.80 $2.70 19 Bambalam $10.40 7 Negation $2.00. Q: $209.60. E: $265.70. T: $2,097.60. A2: 13-19: $56.40, 13-7: $5.70, 19-7: $22.10. FIRST 4: (13 19 7 16) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 4,8,9,11,12,18,20,21.

DOUBLE: 6 Dirty Dancing 13 Pretty Little Lass $54.80. SUB: 3 7.

TREBLE: 6 Dirty Dancing 5 Bauhinia Rock 13 Pretty Little Lass $388.30. SUB: 3 3 7.

EARLY QUADDIE: 2 Blagny 7 Bella Tivaci 8 Jealous 3 Daintree Dreaming $247.40. SUB: 2 3 8 8.

QUADDIE: 3 Daintree Dreaming 6 Dirty Dancing 5 Bauhinia Rock 13 Pretty Little Lass $1,850.70. SUB: 8 3 3 7.

SALE

Race 1: 7 Willmott $4.40 $1.50 5 Haraldus $1.30 10 Lilica Ebet $2.30. Q: $4.30. E: $10.20. T: $63.80. A2: 7-5: $2.20, 7-10: $5.20, 5-10: $3.30. FIRST 4: (7 5 10 3) $317.00. Scr: 2,6,12,13,14,15,17,18,11(L).

Race 2: 4 Lukan $1.70 $1.10 3 Kuroshinzo $2.40 9 Slippery Rich $6.90. Q: $5.20. E: $10.20. T: $125.30. A2: 4-3: $2.80, 4-9: $11.50, 3-9: $27.20. FIRST 4: (4 3 9 1) $556.30. Scr: 6,13(L).

Race 3: 2 Hey Fat Cat $11.00 $3.20 10 La Magia $6.00 8 Zwasp $3.60. Q: $138.70. E: $123.10. T: $3,198.30. A2: 2-10: $44.50, 2-8: $27.30, 10-8: $50.10. FIRST 4: (2 10 8 14) Not won pool jackpots. All Started.

Race 4: 13 Our Malyshka $11.40 $1.90 4 My Name Is $1.00 2 Raven's Silver $6.30. Q: $3.60. E: $21.30. T: $419.50. A2: 13-4: $2.00, 13-2: $46.20, 4-2: $12.00. FIRST 4: (13 4 2 7) $2,974.50. Scr: 3,6,8,11,10(L).

Race 5: 9 I Miss Margie $3.30 $1.70 6 Freeways $2.50 2 Snappy Magnus $2.60. Q: $21.00. E: $23.40. T: $208.60. A2: 9-6: $6.80, 9-2: $3.90, 6-2: $11.20. FIRST 4: (9 6 2 7) $1,148.20. Scr: 1,10.

Race 6: 2 Magic Drum $3.90 $1.50 7 Big Darryl $7.20 4 Juice Box $1.40. Q: $106.10. E: $153.00. T: $590.70. A2: 2-7: $29.60, 2-4: $2.50, 7-4: $14.60. FIRST 4: (2 7 4 10) $3,024.70. Scr: 1,11.

Race 7: 7 Aria Electra $3.00 $1.30 5 Little Jack $2.90 13 Charisse $4.20. Q: $16.00. E: $24.90. T: $258.60. A2: 7-5: $6.10, 7-13: $8.60, 5-13: $28.20. FIRST 4: (7 5 13 4) $1,027.20. Scr: 6,8,10,14.

Race 8: 5 Miss Keeler $5.50 $1.70 1 Antarctic Ocean $3.00 7 New Hampshire $2.80. Q: $26.40. E: $41.20. T: $322.90. A2: 5-1: $8.40, 5-7: $4.10, 1-7: $14.80. FIRST 4: (5 1 7 6) $1,456.50. Scr: 4,9,10,12.

DOUBLE: 2 Magic Drum 5 Miss Keeler $34.40. SUB: 4 11.

TREBLE: 2 Magic Drum 7 Aria Electra 5 Miss Keeler $141.80. SUB: 4 7 11.

EARLY QUADDIE: 7 Willmott 4 Lukan 2 Hey Fat Cat 13 Our Malyshka $1,681.10. SUB: 5 4 13 4.

QUADDIE: 9 I Miss Margie 2 Magic Drum 7 Aria Electra 5 Miss Keeler $671.10. SUB: 9 4 7 11.

COFFS HARBOUR

Race 1: 6 Forafewdollarsmore $14.00 $3.10 13 Boambee Beach $1.30 2 Tsunoda $1.60. Q: $17.60. E: $54.40. T: $143.90. A2: 6-13: $6.50, 6-2: $7.00, 13-2: $1.90. FIRST 4: (6 13 2 3) $402.00. Scr: 7.

Race 2: 5 Golden Dubai $1.70 $1.40 11 La Demoiselle $1.70 6 Super Jaie $6.30. Q: $6.00. E: $7.40. T: $114.40. A2: 5-11: $2.60, 5-6: $9.30, 11-6: $24.60. FIRST 4: (5 11 6 8) $361.30. Scr: 1,7,9,12.

Race 3: 3 Rox'n'rol $8.70 $3.50 7 Regina's Girl $3.00 2 Great Southernland $1.80. Q: $70.60. E: $126.50. T: $465.20. A2: 3-7: $20.40, 3-2: $10.40, 7-2: $9.00. FIRST 4: (3 7 2 15) $995.10. Scr: 6,8,10,18,19,20.

Race 4: 7 Pretty Shamrock $2.90 $1.40 10 Serenata $2.60 3 The Coat Hanger $2.30. Q: $13.40. E: $22.80. T: $125.30. A2: 7-10: $4.20, 7-3: $5.00, 10-3: $11.40. FIRST 4: (7 10 3 6) $457.30. Scr: 4,11,12.

Race 5: 11 Scotland $5.60 $2.30 3 Due Diligence $3.40 8 Showman $2.10. Q: $20.70. E: $59.00. T: $213.30. A2: 11-3: $8.90, 11-8: $5.20, 3-8: $8.90. FIRST 4: (11 3 8 4) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 12.

Race 6: 3 Boncassio $1.80 $1.20 4 Ljungberg $3.60 8 Timely Bol $2.80. Q: $11.70. E: $14.80. T: $104.70. A2: 3-4: $5.10, 3-8: $4.50, 4-8: $20.70. FIRST 4: (3 4 8 14) $1,470.00. Scr: 2,5,7.

Race 7: 5 Yukanuma $8.20 $2.90 4 Polished $5.50 9 Ponte Vecchio $1.60. Q: $142.90. E: $227.70. T: $777.00. A2: 5-4: $34.50, 5-9: $4.70, 4-9: $17.80. FIRST 4: (5 4 9 2) $2,733.10. Scr: 6,14,16,17,18,19,20(L).

DOUBLE: 11 Scotland 5 Yukanuma $37.10. SUB: 8 9.

TREBLE: 11 Scotland 3 Boncassio 5 Yukanuma $103.50. SUB: 8 3 9.

EARLY QUADDIE: 6 Forafewdollarsmore 5 Golden Dubai 3 Rox'n'rol 7 Pretty Shamrock: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 13 5 2 7.

QUADDIE: 7 Pretty Shamrock 11 Scotland 3 Boncassio 5 Yukanuma $354.30. SUB: 7 8 3 9.

CAPALABA GREYS

Race 1: 8 Miss Mira $1.20 $1.00 5 Tokyo's Gem $1.20 1 Caesar's Corner NTD. Q: $1.30. E: $1.90. T: $6.10. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (8 5 1 2) $28.30. Scr: 3,7.

Race 2: 4 Ecker Road $3.80 $1.70 5 Easy Beat $2.70 8 Navada Nevaeh NTD. Q: $9.60. E: $58.70. T: $54.90. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (4 5 8 1) $234.90. Scr: 3,6.

Race 3: 8 Quicker Sophie $3.40 $1.20 7 Pay Freeze $1.80 2 Cheeky Grub NTD. Q: $3.70. E: $14.60. T: $25.80. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (8 7 2 5) $103.80. Scr: 3,4,6.

Race 4: 8 Burnt Briar $2.90 NPP 2 Bye Bye Swiper NPP 4 Lenardo's Dream NPP. Q: $3.90. E: $5.70. T: $13.70. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (8 2 4 5) $21.30. Scr: 1,3,6,7.

Race 5: 3 Regal Romeo $3.50 $2.30 2 Farmor Relief $3.30 6 Zipping Hadley NTD. Q: $30.60. E: $94.20. T: $124.20. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (3 2 6 7) $80.40. Scr: 4,5,8.

Race 6: 2 Panzer One $2.20 $1.20 6 Top Shelf Tim $2.00 5 Hurry Up Blazer $2.70. Q: $10.90. E: $16.40. T: $54.70. A2: 2-6: $4.20, 2-5: $5.10, 6-5: $12.00. FIRST 4: (2 6 5 1) $279.60. All Started.

Race 7: 9 On The Radar $7.30 $2.80 4 Painted Infrared $1.40 1 Hey Wags NTD. Q: $9.90. E: $29.80. T: $132.40. A2: F-F: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (9 4 1 2) Not won pool jackpots. Scr: 3,7,10.

Race 8: 8 Kalani Tony $13.30 $3.60 7 Too Much Scotch $1.90 1 Rich Tapestry $1.30. Q: $240.90. E: $255.90. T: $1,592.00. A2: 8-7: Not won pool jackpots 8-1: Not won pool jackpots 7-1: Not won pool jackpots. FIRST 4: (8 7 1 4) $788.40. Scr: 3,10.

Race 9: 2 Ruby Shines $3.20 $1.30 1 Genius You $1.70 8 Alpha Zap $1.00. Q: $12.10. E: $23.70. T: $42.10. A2: 2-1: $2.80, 2-8: $1.00, 1-8: $2.30. FIRST 4: (2 1 8 7) $85.90. Scr: 6.

DOUBLE: 2 Panzer One 8 Kalani Tony $30.70. SUB: 2 4.

TREBLE: 2 Panzer One 9 On The Radar 8 Kalani Tony: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 2 4 4.

EARLY QUADDIE: 8 Miss Mira 4 Ecker Road 8 Quicker Sophie 8 Burnt Briar: Not won pool jackpots. SUB: 8 8 2 5.

QUADDIE: 3 Regal Romeo 2 Panzer One 9 On The Radar 8 Kalani Tony $69.90. SUB: 6 2 4 4.

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Arnold looks for finishing touches

But set pieces need work

Marco Monteverde

Teammates congratulate Jordan Bos (No.5) after his goal.

Jordan Bos's elation at scoring his first goal for the Socceroos was tempered by national coach Graham Arnold conceding Australia has a "lot" to improve on to have any chance of winning the Asian Cup.

The Socceroos' opened their campaign in Qatar with a 2-0 win over India and, while securing three points was the ultimate objective, the Australians struggled for large periods of the game to break down their rivals.

It took 50 minutes for the Socceroos to take the lead, through Jackson Irvine, before former Melbourne City prodigy Bos scored with his first touch of the game 23 minutes later, after coming on as a substitute.

"It was amazing," Bos, 21, told beIN Sports.

"I was hoping for the opportunity to get on and it just fell to me first touch, so I couldn't have asked for a better start.

"Second half, we got the goals we deserved."

However, Arnold expected more from his side, particularly in the first half, when the Socceroos were sluggish in attack despite dominating possession.

"I can honestly say that we've got to improve a lot more than that," Arnold said.

"One disappointment was our set pieces because we work quite a lot on them and we're very strong with set pieces, but you've got to give credit to India for the way they set up themselves for those set pieces.

"That's something we need to improve on and we will."

Arnold preached patience at halftime and said his team was perhaps too "excited" before the match, in anticipation of the start of the tournament.

"There was a little bit of excitement and impatience," he said. "We'd been waiting for the last 10 days to get preparations right.

"The messaging at halftime from me was, 'just be patient' and it will come. That's one game down (and) another six to go.

"We're here to win the Asian Cup and you have to have high expectations and put those expectations on the boys and get them to believe in what we can do."

Bos was confident that the Socceroos – who return to Group B action on Thursday night (AEDT) against Syria at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium – could go "all the way".

"We've got the quality and the boys to do it," said Bos, now based in Belgium where he plays his club football for Westerlo.

"We just have to score more goals – get it in the back of the net."

Jubilant Sierra Kerr after her world junior surf championship win at San Diego, California. Picture: WSL

Sierra has world at her feet

Jake Garland

Young Queensland surfer Sierra Kerr has started her own legacy by winning the world junior championship.

At 16, Kerr has gone one up on her father, former pro tour surfer and aerial pioneer Josh Kerr.

Sierra lined up against American Zoe Benedetto in the 2023 world junior final in California at the weekend and produced a surfing masterclass with near-perfect nine out of 10 points to win.

"That was the craziest heat, it's amazing to win," Kerr said. "I feel like I haven't been surfing that good this contest and I went into the final just going to leave nothing on the table.

"I felt like I actually surfed good, so I was frothing.

"I wasn't even expecting to qualify for the Challenger Series, I forgot that was a thing, that's insane."

Kerr's maiden world junior title has earned her a place in the 2024 Challenger Series.

In 2022, Kerr established herself as a competitive threat with her semi-final appearance and she continues to push the boundaries in progressive surfing.

Kerr backed herself up by winning the 2023 Australia/ Oceania Pro Regional title.

Then she showcased even more progression with a flawless run in Oceanside heading into the final after a 16.17 heat total out of a possible 20 to defeat USA's Talia Swindal.

Now Kerr prepares for a big year ahead among the Challenger Series contenders and the opportunity to qualify for the 2025 Championship Tour.

ROAR V JETS

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Roar: O'Shea 61, 90 (pen); Markovski 82. **Jets:** Stamatelopoulos 18; Cancar 65.

At Allianz Stadium

O'Shea penalty seals the deal

Martin Pegan

A Jay O'Shea penalty in the dying stages sealed a Brisbane Roar comeback - and a controversial 3-2 triumph - over Newcastle Jets at Allianz Stadium on Sunday night.

The Roar midfielder converted the high-stakes shot from the spot in the 90th minute to help his side snap a four-match losing streak - and hand new coach Ben Cahn his first A-League victory.

But the penalty was only awarded after a lengthy VAR review when Jets defender Dane Ingham slid to stop a cross into the box, and the ball bounced off his foot and into a trailing arm.

O'Shea slammed the penalty into the bottom left corner to give the Roar the lead for the first time, after twice trailing the Jets earlier in the match.

Jonas Markovski had given the Roar a glimmer of hope when tapping home an equaliser in the 82nd minute.

Roar keeper Macklin Freke had earlier fumbled a Apostolos Stamatelopoulos header into the path of Jets defender Phillip Cancar in the 65th minute to make it 2-1 to the Jets.

Stamatelopoulos had opened the scoring in the 18th minute as the Jets dominated the first half, but paid the price for failing to make the most of their chances.

Brisbane was yet to score from a corner this season, but found the ideal time to break its duck.

When the Roar cross floated too deep, captain Tom Aldred sent a header from the far post back across goal that Jets keeper Ryan Scott could only palm down. And Markovski got a right foot to the ball for his first A-League goal.

Yallop says Gustavsson critics to eat humble pie

Erin Smith

Matildas midfielder Tameka Yallop says Tony Gustavsson's tactics which earned the ire of critics will be what gets the national team over the line against Uzbekistan without Sam Kerr.

As Kerr posted on Instagram the first photo of herself after surgery – giving the thumbs up to her 1.8m followers with her right leg in a compression bandage – the Matildas continued to plot ways to ensure they will not only qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics but win a medal.

Yallop, talking after Brisbane Roar lost to Newcastle 2-1 on Saturday night, said depth would be key at the Olympic qualifiers.

Gustavsson has worked hard to build depth since taking over the squad in September 2020.

His efforts, which included using inexperienced players against top-class teams such as Spain and Canada, didn't always get a great reaction from fans or pundits – especially after a 7-0 loss.

However, those matches allowed Gustavsson to find rising stars Charli Grant, who has just signed with WSL club Tottenham, and Kyra Cooney-Cross, who is playing for Arsenal.

He also learnt that Australia's under-23s captain, Amy Sayer, was up to playing senior football.

Yallop said now that Kerr had been ruled out of the qualifiers with an ACL injury and was unlikely to play at the Olympics if the Matildas qualified, having depth in the squad had increased confidence that the team could deliver.

"It's tough for Sam and all the girls are rallying around her," Yallop said. "It's such a major injury and for it to happen to anyone is devastating. We're all here for Sam and she knows that."

In the final Olympic qualifiers, the Matildas will play Uzbekistan away on February 24 and at home on February 28.

"We have worked hard, especially since TG (Gustavsson) came in, to grow depth within our squad and we can get results without Sam," Yallop said.

"... We have the depth within the squad to perform."

Sam Kerr recovers in hospital. Picture: Instagram

WORLD GAME TACKLE

with **Robbie Slater** and **Marco Monteverde**

Foreign legion shows way

LIKE

Stars rise to the occasion. The highlight of "Unite Round" was seeing two of the A-League's best foreign players lift their teams to another level in Friday's pulsating 3-3 draw between Macarthur FC and Western United.

The Bulls' Ulises Davila and United's Penha were superb, scoring five goals between them at CommBank Stadium in one of the games of the season.

Arguably the best player in the competition, Macarthur's Mexican captain Davila was not going to let his side leave the ground without anything to show for its efforts.

And Penha, who is seemingly close to regaining the superb form he displayed at Newcastle a couple of seasons ago, was equally as determined in his efforts to inject much-needed life into United's season.

Such were their performances, it was perhaps fitting the game ended in a draw.

The A-League needs more games like that where the competition's foreign talent show why their clubs put so much faith and trust in them.

Davila summed it up perfectly after the match when he suggested that imports needed to be better than the competition's Australian players, otherwise there was no point bringing them to the A-League.

Socceroo Martin Boyle tussles with India's Lallianzuala Chhangte during their Asian Cup opening group clash in Qatar on Saturday. Picture: Getty Images

HIRO WORSHIP

And while we're praising the A-League's imports, let's not forget Adelaide United's Japanese striker Hiroshi Ibusuki, who netted a magnificent hat-trick in the Reds' pulsating 4-3 win over Sydney FC at Allianz Stadium on Saturday night.

"Hiro" has now scored six goals in his past five games and it's extremely timely considering he's off-contract at the end of the season.

Ibusuki loves Adelaide and wants to stay and his recent form is making it very hard for the Reds to not offer him a new deal to stay.

However, Adelaide coach Carl Veart also wants to bring a new striker to the club in the current transfer window. Perhaps that's also spurring on Ibusuki – and that's what Veart wants.

Competition for places will only make the Reds stronger and, despite Ibusuki's recent spate of goals, there's no doubt that Adelaide – which will lose teenage forward Nestory Irankunda to Bayern Munich next season – needs more depth in attack.

PLAYER OF THE ROUND

Ulises Davila (Macarthur FC)

DISLIKE

FC MISSES RODWELL

The importance of Jack Rodwell to Sydney FC's defence was evident in his absence in the Sky Blues' 4-3 weekend loss to Adelaide.

The Sydneysiders, who will be without the injured Rodwell for eight weeks, were torn to shreds by the Reds.

Before Saturday night's defeat, the Sky Blues had won three successive matches, all of which involved the former English Premier League star, who has only made four appearances this season due to ongoing injury problems.

Rodwell brings much-needed composure and calmness to Sydney's back four. Without him, the Sky Blues' defence was lost on Saturday night.

It's no wonder Sydney coach Ufuk Talay was furious on the sideline. Conceding four goals on your home ground isn't good enough.

LET'S BE CONSISTENT

Handball confusion continues to mar the competition.

The evidence seemed pretty clear that the ball hit the outstretched arm of Western Sydney midfielder Josh Brillante in the dying stages of his side's 1-0 win over Melbourne City at CommBank Stadium on Friday night.

City, understandably, claimed a penalty and, when referee Jonathan Barreiro went to the sideline to check the video footage, it seemed certain he was going to change his mind and award the Melbourne side a spot kick.

However, after watching numerous replays of the incident, Barreiro stuck with his original decision not to point to the penalty spot.

It seemed that Brillante's arm was away from body and not in a "natural position", so why wasn't a penalty awarded?

If the same thing happens in the A-League this week, you can bet that a penalty will be given. All that anybody wants is consistency.

SOCCEROOS IN NEED OF CUTTING EDGE

Robbie Slater Analysis

The lack of a genuine playmaker could hurt the Socceroos at this Asian Cup.

This is the first major tournament in recent years where Australia hasn't had both or either of Tom Rogic or Aaron Mooy, "No.10s" who pull the strings and can play the killer ball that tear defences apart.

Throw in the absence of Ajdin Hrustic, who has also played that role for the Socceroos in recent years, and it's a problem for the Australians that was evident in their opening 2-0 win over India.

While the Indians never looked like winning, the Socceroos struggled to break them down.

Australia's final third was a problem. India was extremely resolute in defence and the Socceroos found it hard to break down their opponents.

It happens often when the Aussies play lowly-ranked teams that sit back and defend in a low block.

It's a different story when the Socceroos play against heavyweights of world football who attack and play an open style of football.

That leaves space in their own half that Graham Arnold's men enjoy exposing on the counter-attack. It plays to our strengths.

Against teams like India and some others the Socceroos will meet at the Asian Cup, we have to make the play in trying to break down sides.

It's something the Australians need to work on, but it will improve as the tournament progresses.

In Riley McGree, who had a big impact when he came on against India, the Socceroos have, while not a genuine playmaker, someone who can have a big effect on games.

Winger Martin Boyle can as well. He looked short of a gallop against India, but will be better for the run.

Set pieces are normally a strength for the Socceroos, with giant defender Harry Souttar an obvious target when taking free-kicks and corners.

However, it's hard to remember Souttar having a header in India's penalty area, with the service from Craig Goodwin and Boyle lacking quality and penetration.

Therefore, there's a fair bit to work on for Australia.

The main thing is that the Socceroos opened their Cup campaign with a win and were never in danger of losing the game.

Blink in Sydney and you would've easily missed Unite Round

DISLIKES

It is said to have brought 42,000 interstate visitors to Sydney but if you weren't a diehard football fan, you wouldn't even know Unite Round was happening.

Not one advertisement was seen on the back of a bus, no signs were hanging from lamp posts or strung from buildings and not one taxi driver who ferried me from venue to venue had even heard about it.

Crowd numbers were in line with average figures but only 1130 fans watched Melbourne Victory play Perth Glory.

Attendance jumped for the second clash between Central Coast Mariners and Wellington Phoenix.

However, considering the Mariners are based just an hour away and their recent home games have pulled crowds of 5000 and 2000, the marketing of the event must be questioned.

Maybe organisers wanted to keep it quiet for the inaugural event – test the waters or avoid going too big, too early.

Or perhaps they just didn't give themselves enough time.

The round, which was designed to get the NSW Government to relinquish the grand final hosting rights it had bought the year before, was announced in October, just weeks after the fixtures had been released.

While far from unsuccessful, Unite Round could have been bigger if the APL had backed itself.

LIKES

CHLOE STAR OF SHOW

Michelle Heyman was given the credit for Canberra's first win in six weeks when she netted twice. However, Canberra keeper Chloe Lincoln was the real hero.

The 19-year-old has endured a tough season as Canberra conceded more goals than any other club.

Against Adelaide, Lincoln was a shining star, making three crucial saves in the first half that meant Canberra went into halftime at 0-0.

It is exciting to see a keeper so young given a chance.

TIGHT TABLE

The luxury of a full home-and-away season has given teams some leeway and even competition leader Melbourne City has stumbled a few times.

However, with just 10 rounds to go and four points the difference between third and 10th place on the ladder, every game is going to matter in the race to the finals. The tight competition makes for some exciting football.

Nathan Sobey on the attack in the Bullets' win against Illawarra and (inset) Brisbane coach Justin Schueller rallies his troops at Nissan Arena. Pictures: Getty Images

FINAL SCORE

Bullets	Hawks
110	103

Bullets: N. Sobey 25, C. Smith 19, T. Harrison 18, M. Norton 18
Hawks: T. Harvey 29, S. Froling 15, J. Robinson 15
at Nissan Arena

Fan-tastic streak has Bullets shooting high

Jim Tucker

A fourth straight win has given the resurgent Brisbane Bullets a hunger for the National Basketball League play-offs after they plucked the Illawarra Hawks 110-103.

A Sunday full house of 5000 fans at Brisbane's Nissan Arena roared their approval for a team which has risen from ninth to fifth on the back of resilience and expanded threats in their close-knit team.

The Hawks were always playing catch-up or mess-up except for brief leads early in the second quarter.

No one at the start of this season was predicting game-winning bursts from guard Mitch Norton or centre Tyrell Harrison but they were stars.

Brisbane's Tyrell Harrison shoots over Hawks centre Lachlan Olbrich on Sunday. Picture: Getty Images

Norton stroked two key three-pointers in the third quarter to build a 10-point buffer (88-78) as features of a calm 18-point game built around 5-8 shooting.

Harrison was superb for 32 minutes. He made three fine drives to the hoop for buckets in traffic en route to 18 points, worked hard for his seven rebounds, blocked three shots and was the best big man on court.

"It means everything these wins and having the fans out supporting us," he said.

"From previous years, it shows the change of culture and how hard the team is working."

SUSTAIN THE RAGE

The Bullets play four of their final six regular season games on the road so they have to sustain the rage to keep their high position for the Play-In Tournament (for teams finishing third to sixth).

At 11-11, the Bullets still have plenty of heat coming from the Tasmania JackJumpers (11-11), Sydney Kings (11-11), Cairns Taipans (10-12) and Hawks (9-10), who can all flip the script.

The Bullets are the great find-a-way comeback story of this season. They've won when Aron Baynes was suspended, they've won with a Chris Smith three-pointer when scoring ace Nathan Sobey was injured and scrapped to stay in tight games with much improved defence.

'MVP, MVP'

Sure, it was a pro-Bullets crowd but they were chanting "MVP, MVP" late in the fourth quarter to recognise the huge contribution and season of team trump Nathan Sobey.

After a foot injury forced his withdrawal from a midweek game, Sobey was back with 25 points, his three three-pointers (3-7) at key moments and 10-of-13 at the free-throw line.

He had enough white bandaging and padding on his right leg to look like a cast member of the movie The Mummy especially if he'd borrowed the leg and arm bandaging of teammate Shannon Scott.

FOUL HAWKS

You might go a month without seeing a shooter fouled beyond the three-point arc. The Hawks committed that cardinal sin three times. In the first half. That's no credit to William Hickey, twice the culprit.

And poor Lachlan Olbrich, he missed all four of his free throws as Lachlan All Brick.

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Gigante hits the replay button

Val Migliaccio

Australia's newest WorldTour cycling champion Sarah Gigante watched a replay on Saturday night of her conquering Willunga Hill last year before claiming the Tour Down Under title on Sunday.

Gigante, 23, was elated after bouncing back from a horrendous chain of events that included broken bones from crashes and myopericarditis – inflammation of the heart muscle and pericardium.

Willunga Hill was added to Australia's premier bike race for the first time after her WorldTour career looked to be in jeopardy last year.

Gigante only raced once with former team Movistar before AG Insurance Soudal signed her last month.

"I watched a replay of when I won last time (at Willunga Hill) for a bit of a confidence boost," Gigante said.

"I thought, 'I'll just do that'. It was harder this time and I looked behind (when I was climbing Willunga Hill), I was going full gas.

"But there were quite a few girls and I thought, 'oh, oh, what if it's a sprint at the top of Willunga that wouldn't suit me'?

"I just knew I had to keep drilling it despite the headwind and one by one they dropped off."

After Gigante's teammate, New Zealand's Ally Wollaston, claimed the Ziptrak stage 1 and Santos leader's jersey on Friday at Athelstone, the Kiwi worked hard to ensure the Australian would be in a prime position to launch an attack.

Gigante won the title by 20 seconds from Dutchwoman Nienke Vinke, 19, (Team dsm-firmenich PostNL).

Sarah Gigante wins the third stage. Picture: AFP

Matt Bevilacqua wins at Maroubra. Picture: HarvPix

Matt's rise from drowning risk to Maroubra champ

Amanda Lulham

When Matt Bevilacqua was a 13-year-old nipper he was so small and slow he nearly drowned while competing at an interstate surf life saving competition at Maroubra Beach.

Now 18 years on, the kid who told his dad that same day he would get "heaps better" won his second round of the Nutri-Grain ironman series in 24 hours on the same beach – the stage for a mass rescue soon after, when around 20 swimmers got caught in a rip.

"How crazy is that, all these years later, to win two race back-to-back," Bevilacqua said.

The 31-year-old surf star grew up in Tasmania and became the first athlete from the Apple Isle to compete in the professional ironman series when still in his teens.

"My dad was saying we came here for an interstates and it almost broke me. I was so far behind and dad was scared I wasn't coming back in," said Bevilacqua, who now competes for Northcliffe on the Gold Coast.

"I nearly drowned. I remember it so well, being on a nipper board and barely scrapping home.

"But I also remember telling Dad I was OK and I'd get them in a few years."

The back-to-back wins in rounds 3 and 4 in Sydney on the weekend have put Bevilacqua within a point of series leader Ali Day, who missed the podium for the first time this series for his seventh place in Sunday's survival format racing, after being washed from his ski in the final race.

Bevilacqua is the defending series champion, but until Saturday had not won a leg for more than a year.

"It's been a good weekend, for sure," said Bevilacqua who stole a kiss from girlfriend and ironwoman Brielle Cooper as he ran up the beach for his win over Newport's Jackson Borg.

In the women's racing, defending champion Georgia Miller, of Northcliffe, was knocked out early, clearing a path for her clubmate Lana Rogers to extend her lead in the series, ahead of the final two rounds at Kurrawa on February 3-4.

RESULTS

DAY 1

THE SEEDS

MEN
4-Jannik Sinner (Ita) d Botic van de Zandschulp (Ned) 6-4 7-5 6-3
5-Andrey Rublev d Thiago Wild (Bra) 7-5 6-4 3-6 4-6 7-6 (10/6)
12-Tylor Fritz (US) d Facundo Diaz Acosta (Arg) 4-6 6-3 3-6 6-2 6-4
26-Sebastian Baez (Arg) d J.J. Wolf (US) 3-6 6-2 6-3 3-0 ret.

WOMEN
8-Maria Sakkari (Gre) d Nao Hibino (Jpn) 6-4 6-1
9-Barbora Krejcikova (Cze) d Mai Hontama (Jpn) 2-6 6-4 6-3
Amanda Anismova (US) d 13-Liudmila Samsonova 6-3 6-4
Caroline Wozniacki (Den) d 20-Magda Linette (Pol) 6-2 2-0 ret
28-Lesya Tsurenko (Ukr) d Lucia Bronzetti (Ita) 3-6 7-5 6-3
Diane Parry (Fra) d 30-Wang Xinyu 6-3 2-6 6-3
32-Leylah Fernandez (Can) d Sara Bejlek (Cze) 7-6 (7/5) 6-2

AUSSIES

MEN
22-Francisco Cerundolo (Arg) d **Dane Sweeny** 3-6 6-3 6-4 2-6 6-2
Matteo Arnaldi (Ita) d **Adam Walton** 7-6 (7/5) 6-2 6-4
Christopher O'Connell d Cristian Garin (Chile) 3-6 7-5 4-6 6-1 7-5

Barbora Krejcikova

Italian out of Open

Injured former top-10 star Matteo Berrettini pulled out of the Australian Open on Sunday on the eve of a blockbuster first-round clash with Greek star Stefanos Tsitsipas.

The Italian, a 2022 semi-finalist, withdrew with a foot problem, tournament organisers said.

"Wishing @MattBerrettini a speedy recovery after being forced to withdraw from Melbourne with a right foot injury," the ATP Tour said on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter.

Seventh-seed Tsitsipas, who was beaten in last year's final by Novak Djokovic, will instead face Belgian lucky loser Zizou Bergs.

Berrettini has not competed since last year's US Open, where he retired from his second-round match.

Aussie's epic advance

Chris Cavanagh

One-time Sydney boat cleaner Christopher O'Connell has started the Australian Open with a wet sail, reaching the second round of the tournament for just the third time in his career.

The 29-year-old made a sluggish start to his first-round clash with Chile's Cristian Garin, losing two of the first three sets.

But O'Connell eventually got a home crowd onboard and got himself going on his way to winning a five-set marathon, 3-6 7-5 4-6 6-1 7-5.

The match spanned a whopping 4 hours and 21 minutes. There was controversy during the third set, when the chair umpire made an incorrect call that there had been a second bounce before a ball which O'Connell returned.

The Australian pleaded his case that the ball had only bounced once, with replays showing the call was indeed wrong.

O'Connell briefly threw away tennis in 2018, taking a six-month spell to clean boats on Sydney's northern beaches after being hampered by injuries early in his career.

Consequently, he held a world ranking of 1185 at the end of the 2018 season.

Since then, O'Connell has risen back up the rankings and reached a career-high ranking of 53 last September.

His goal for 2024 is to break into the top-50 for the first time, with the first-round grand slam win set to put him well on his way.

O'Connell will face the winner of Monday's match between 16th-seed American Ben Shelton and Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut.

Earlier, Australian wildcard Adam Walton also lost in his grand slam debut, after suffering a straight-sets defeat on the opening day at Melbourne Park.

The first local hope on court at the Australian Open, Walton made a strong start against Italian Matteo Arnaldi before falling 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 6-4 on Kia Arena. Walton, 24, pushed Arnaldi in an opening set tiebreak, but the world No.41 swept past the unseeded Australian – ranked 176 in the world – in the second set.

The Italian sealed his first-round win with an ace, to take his tally to 16-1 for the match.

After dispatching one Australian, Arnaldi will face the winner of the clash between Alex de Minaur and Milos Raonic in the second round.

The 22-year-old broke into the top 50 for the first time after reaching the fourth round at the US Open in September last year.

Sweeny has game to stretch best

Australian Dane Sweeny at full stretch during his five-set first-round loss against Francisco Cerundolo yesterday. Picture: Michael Klein

Rebecca Williams

Argentinian seed Francisco Cerundolo urged Australian qualifier Dane Sweeny to "trust" his game after the unheralded local hope fell just short of a first-round upset in his grand slam debut at Melbourne Park.

In his first appearance on the big stage at the Open, Sweeny won plenty of fans after pushing Cerundolo to a fifth set, before losing 6-3 3-6 4-6 6-2 2-6 to the No.22 seed on John Cain Arena.

The 22-year-old from the Sunshine Coast with a Lleyton Hewitt-esque fist pump, 'C'mon' cries and the back-to-front cap made a hot start to take the first set.

Cerundolo hit back to take the next two sets, before Sweeny sent the match into a decider.

But the Australian, who is ranked 257th in the world, was unable to match Cerundolo in the final set - the first time he had been pushed to five sets.

Sweeny impressed with his hustle, skidding and sliding around the court chasing balls, snapping his shoelaces and finishing with grazes on his knee and knuckles.

"This morning I just wanted to make sure it was a good match for everyone that came down to watch me," Sweeny said. "I'm happy – at least it was a good match."

Relieved to get through to the next round, Cerundolo praised Sweeny's effort aand urged him to back his game to advance on the tour.

"It was a really tough battle. Dane is playing unbelievable, he is playing really good," Cerundolo said.

"I was with no confidence at all, I started the year pretty bad the previous two weeks and today it was a real challenge for me and I am happy because I got the win, but it was super difficult.

"I told him (Sweeny) that at the net that he is playing really good, he has to trust himself because he has the tennis, it's a matter of playing, getting some wins, confidence in yourself."

Earlier, Brisbane wildcard Adam Walton suffered a 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 6-4 defeat by Italian Matteo Arnaldi in his grand slam debut match.

Uncalled for? Djoker redials 'phone war'

Ben Shelton has wound up Novak Djokovic

Australian Open king Novak Djokovic has reignited his feud with US rising star Ben Shelton, slamming the youngster as "unsportsmanlike" in an interview with French newspaper L'Equipe.

They clashed at last year's US Open when Djokovic imitated Shelton's trademark celebration after a straight-sets win.

At the time, Djokovic, who mimicked Shelton's "dialled in" phone call celebration then slammed down the phone, said he did it out of admiration.

"I just love Ben's celebration," Djokovic said after his win last year.

"I thought it was very original and I copied him. I stole his celebration."

Shelton's father Bryan was less impressed and suggested Djokovic's actions were designed to mock his son.

"He wanted to mock Ben at the end," Bryan Shelton said.

"It wasn't something he was doing just to copy Ben. It was to mock him."

It seems Shelton Sr may have been right all along because Djokovic reopened the feud with a shock spray on the eve of the Australian Open.

"It was a reaction against him, he did not behave properly, with respect, on court and before the match," Djokovic told L'Equipe.

"If anyone one places himself in the unsportsmanlike zone, I react."

HOW DID DJOKOVIC GO LAST NIGHT? LATEST ONLINE

Wozniacki stakes claims

Former Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki said she hoped her young children were in bed, after progressing to the second round when her opponent Magda Linette retired injured on Sunday night.

Wozniacki, who won the title in Melbourne in 2018, came out of retirement last year and reached the last 16 at the US Open.

And she is not back just to make up the numbers, declaring "why not me?" about her push to challenge for another Open crown.

The Danish star, 33, was leading 6-2 2-0 when the Polish 20th seed was forced to quit the evening match on Margaret Court Arena.

"This is not how I wanted to finish it, and I really hope that it's not too serious and that she'll recover soon," Wozniacki said.

CENTRE STAGE

ROD LAVER ARENA

compiled by Todd Balym

DAY SESSION

1 Anna Karolina Schmiedlova (Svk) v 4-Coco Gauff (USA)

US Open champ Gauff is the one to watch this tournament. The teenager is coming in off an Auckland victory and will start confidently against Schmiedlova, who she has twice beaten in straight sets. This is Schmiedlova's 10th AO appearance and she's yet to progress beyond the second round.

2 Zizou Bergs (Bel) v 7-Stefanos Tsitsipas (Gre)

AO finalist last year, Tsitsipas returns still chasing a breakthrough slam. Originally scheduled to play Matteo Berrettini, the Greek world No.7 will now face Belgian lucky loser Bergs after the Italian withdrew with an injury. Bergs had to retire due to severe cramps from his final qualifying game when holding a slender lead over Aussie Dane Sweeny.

NIGHT SESSION

1 10-Alex de Minaur (Aus) v Milos Raonic (Can)

Australia's great big hope for 2024 who is on a giant-killing run already this year with scalps such as Novak Djokovic and Alexander Zverev. 'Demon' faces a tough first-up assignment against former world No.3 and big-serving Canadian who, due to injury, has seen his ranking plummet to 317. De Minaur won their only previous encounter in straight sets in Brisbane six years ago.

2 16-Caroline Garcia (Fra) v Naomi Osaka (Jpn)

Two-time Open champion Osaka returns to grand slam action for the first time since 2022 after taking all of last year off with the birth of her first child. Drawing world No.20 Garcia is awfully tough, with the Frenchwoman winning all her United Cup matches last week, besides a three-setter against world No.1 Iga Swiatek. Osaka won in straight sets in their only previous meeting, at the Australian Open in 2021.

Brutal Christmas tradition shows Alex's

'TIS OPEN SEASON

Alex de Minaur has a practice hit yesterday with coach Adolfo Gutierrez (above) ahead of tonight's clash with Milos (opposite page). Pictures: Michael Klein, AFP

Courtney Walsh
Fox Sports

As a boy Alex de Minaur would sit on the family couch binge watching old videos of the greats of the game.

For the past few years, the 24-year-old has roused himself from bed on Christmas Day, grabbed his racquets and set off for the home of Australian player and coach Tony Roche for a training session.

A decent feed is always in the offing, but only after he has earned his appetite.

From the age of 13, when de Minaur decided to dedicate himself to tennis, he has made sacrifices to ensure he gets the best out of himself every time he steps out on court. And going to work on Christmas Day is another. But he considers it the rarest of gifts.

Roche was one of those greats his dad Anibal, a restaurateur and car wash operator, would make him watch whenever he managed to track down footage of former champions.

In an extended interview with Fox Cricket broadcaster Mark Howard's podcast The Howie Games to be released on Thursday, de Minaur said it was a privilege to learn from legends.

"It is pretty surreal, to be honest. I've been fortunate enough to do Davis Cup weeks with him. I get to learn from him constantly," de Minaur said.

"I have been going to practice at his house on Christmas Day (for) the last three or four years. It is a bit of a tradition. It is pretty surreal to me to be in this position.

"It is still a novelty for me from the first day to now. Every time I get to spend some time with him, I get to learn some more stuff, which is pretty cool for someone in my position."

It is now 17 years since de Minaur played his first competitive match in a tournament held at White City, a historic but now decrepit site in Sydney that was once host to the Open.

In the midst of a family holiday back to Australia, he thought it would be good fun. But from the first point he was hooked on the thrill of competing. He wanted to win every single point.

It is a desire that has driven him from that moment, from a childhood where his family bounced back and forth between Sydney and Alicante (Valencia, Spain) through fiscal challenges and ultimately into a life spent touring the world while representing his nation with distinction.

No Australian man has won the Australian Open since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

Grand slam champions Pat Cash and Lleyton Hewitt, a mentor of de Minaur, came close as finalists, while former world No.1 Pat Rafter was a semi-finalist as well.

Nick Kyrgios, a one-time national teammate and doubles partner, is the best-performed local man over the past decade as a quarter-finalist in 2015. But he is again sitting on the sidelines this year due to injury.

The burden of local hopes rests again on the shoulders of de Minaur, who has effectively been Australia's leading man from his late teens, the fine 2022 flourish of Kyrgios aside.

It is something he actively embraces. He may not possess the pop and pizzazz of Kyrgios, but nor is he anywhere near as polarising.

De Minaur's dash around the court, the brilliance of his reflexes, the cut and thrust of his multifaceted game and the burning ambition within have made him a winner.

He is a headline act. His fourth round clash against 10-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic last year drew a television audience nationally of 730,000, which was the third highest for the tournament.

And his star is ascending. About 15 months ago, he had zero wins from 18 outings against top-10 ranked rivals. Then he knocked off former US Open champion Daniil Medvedev in the Paris Masters.

Over the past 12 months, the wins against the games' best have come with increasing regularity to the point where he is the newest member of the Top 10 club.

He knocked off Djokovic for the first time in the United Cup in Perth a fortnight ago in between triumphs over top American Taylor Fritz and German Alexander Zverev, another who has had his measure in the past.

AO

AUSSIES IN ACTION

1 Storm Hunter (Aus) v Sara Errani (Ita)

KIA Arena, 10am

World No.1 doubles star Storm Hunter fought her way into the main draw through qualifying and now faces former world No.5 Errani, who is in the twilight of her career at 36 and ranked No.101 in the world. Hunter could not ask for better form and a better opportunity to reach the second round for the first time in six attempts in the singles draw in Melbourne.

STORM HUNTER

2 Alexei Popyrin (Aus) v Marc Polmans (Aus)

John Cain Arena, 2nd match

Popyrin holds the edge here, winning their only previous encounter in 2018 and coming off his finest year on the ATP tour where his ranking rose to 43 in the world. He shocked everyone when he upset world No.9 Taylor Fritz here. South African-born Polmans, the world No.156, was handed a wildcard for this event.

3 Magdalena Frech (Pol) v Daria Saville (Aus)

John Cain Arena, 3rd match

Saville was awarded a controversial AO wildcard ahead of Arina Rodionova for the final spot in the draw, the world No.195 fighting her way back after a wretched injury run. A semi-final appearance in Hobart last week gives hope Saville can overcome Poland's world No.72 who lost to Hobart winner Emma Navarro last week.

4 Omar Jasika (Aus) v 9-Hubert Hurkacz (Pol)

John Cain Arena, 4th match

Left-handed Aussie qualifier ranked 341 who is having a bit of a renaissance at 26 and comes in with strong form of three qualifying wins. But the former junior US boys champion has the unfortunate luck of drawing a top 10 star in Hurkacz who won two ATP titles and reached the fourth round of the AO last year.

'Hewitt mentality' for success

There is nothing de Minaur, who faces former Wimbledon finalist Milos Raonic on Rod Laver Arena on Monday night, loves more than giving his all for his country.

De Minaur is the 109th Australian to represent the country in Davis Cup. That number is tattooed on his chest.

He convinced Roche, a French Open champion who has coached Hewitt, Pat Rafter, Roger Federer and Ivan Lendl, to ink his own number, 54, onto his skin as well. Australia gave de Minaur and his family a lifeline when the global financial crisis hit and crunched the family's car wash business in Alicante. He has never forgotten the assistance and is determined to repay the faith.

It is why, unlike Kyrgios and Bernard Tomic, he will always turn up for his country, a nation he has led to the last two Davis Cup finals.

"As you get to know me and get to see some of the decisions in my life, for me, when I was in a time of need and I needed help, Australia was there with open arms and had my back from day one," de Minaur said.

"That, for me, is the biggest thing ever. I am a loyal guy and these things matter to me. From then ... it was the easiest decision ever (to come back to Sydney). When I needed help, when I was definitely struggling, Australia was there. Tennis Australia was there to help me out ... and I will do everything in my power to make them proud."

DISARMING THE MISSILE

Milos 'The Missile' Raonic is the first man standing in his way at Melbourne Park.

De Minaur was able to snare a big win over Raonic as a teenager in Brisbane by taking on the rise a serve so powerful that it almost cut his compatriot John Millman in two during a clash at Wimbledon a few years ago.

"In the first game of the match, I decided to receive first. Everyone is telling me 'Raonic, his serve is unbelievable. Watch out. Give yourself some room. Give yourself some time,'" de Minaur recalled during The Howie Games Podcast.

"So I decided to stand on the baseline. To stand even closer than I normally would, thinking 'Let's go. I'm ready. What have you got?'.

"The first serve was 237 km/h (at my) body and it almost hit me on the full. I was like, whatever, I'll do it again. The next point, he does the same thing. And I thought, 'This could be a long day, but I am not going to shy away from this'." A couple of games later, he was able to pounce.

FULL STORY, FOXSPORTS.COM.AU

Demon Canada do if he returns well

Callum Dick

One of the fastest serves in tennis history stands between Alex de Minaur and the second round of the Australian Open.

With a top speed of 249.9km/h, the missile that is Milos Raonic's serve has tormented the ATP Tour for more than a decade – and the Aussie No.1 is its next target.

Raonic beat Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray while they were in their prime and gave Novak Djokovic one of his sternest tests in his run to the 2021 Australian Open title.

De Minaur might have chuckled when he saw his name placed next to the world No.317.

Raonic, a former Wimbledon runner-up and five-time Australian Open quarter-finalist, is hardly the cushy opening-round draw often expected for one of the top seeds.

After almost two years away from the tour battling injury, the 33-year-old Canadian is back up and running.

The former world No.3 has saved his best tennis for Melbourne Park, where he has a 34-11 win-loss record and has reached the fourth round or better eight times.

One man who knows how dangerous Raonic can be is retired Aussie star John Millman.

Millman rated Raonic's serve as the most difficult he faced.

He said in one of their clashes at Wimbledon, the Canadian "nearly put me into the stands".

"I went up to near the baseline and he put one through me that nearly made me fall over," Millman said.

However, Millman believes de Minaur's skill set also makes him a match-up nightmare for Raonic.

"Alex is going to have to play really well – it's not the easiest first-one up, that's for sure," Millman said.

"I used to hate having to face those big servers, especially early in a tournament. Sometimes the game can get taken out of your hands.

"The good news for Australian fans is that last year, Alex was the fifth-best returner on tour. He's going to have to return well but when you think of all the people on tour, to be the fifth best stacks up well against someone like Milos."

Last year, only the world top four – Djokovic, Carlos Alcaraz, Daniil Medvedev and Jannik Sinner – had better returns of service than de Minaur.

"Milos is a great server and his game is built around his serve," Millman said.

"Having said that, there are still some question marks as to his fitness level.

"We have to go back three or four years to when he was playing consistently on tour but there is a lot of class about him. You don't make the final of Wimbledon by accident."

DE MINAUR v RAONIC

First round, RLA tonight

10-Alex de Minaur (Aus)		v Milos Raonic (Can)
24	**AGE**	33
10	**RANKING**	317
7	**CAREER TITLES**	8
$11.6m	**PRIZEMONEY**	$20.5m

HEAD TO HEAD
›› De Minaur leads 1-0

AO DAY 2 schedule

TODAY'S WEATHER ☁ Max 28. Cloudy

ROD LAVER ARENA

11am
Anna Karolina Schmiedlova (Svk) v 4-Coco Gauff (US)
LL-Zizou Bergs (Bel) v
7-Stefanos Tsitsipas (Gre)
6pm
10-Alex de Minaur (Aus) v
Milos Raonic (Can)
16-Caroline Garcia (Fra) v
Naomi Osaka (Jpn)

MARGARET COURT ARENA

11am
Terence Atmane (Fra) v
3-Daniil Medvedev
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova v
21-Donna Vekic (Cro)
6pm
6-Ons Jabeur (Tun) v Yuliia Starodubtseva (Ukr)
27-Felix Auger-Aliassime (Can) v Dominic Thiem (Aut)

JOHN CAIN ARENA

10am
Dayana Yastremska (Ukr) v
7-Marketa Vondrousova (Cze)
Alexei Popyrin (Aus) v
Marc Polmans (Aus)
Magdalena Frech (Pol) v
Daria Saville (Aus)
4pm
Omar Jasika (Aus) v
9-Hubert Hurkacz (Pol)

KIA ARENA

Storm Hunter (Aus) v
Sara Errani (Ita)
20-Adrian Mannarino (Fra) v
Stan Wawrinka (Swi)
Andy Murray (GB) v
30-Tomas Martin Etcheverry (Arg)
Linda Fruhvirtova (Cze) v 10-Beatriz Haddad Maia (Bra)

1573 ARENA

19-Elina Svitolina (Ukr)
v **Taylah Preston (Aus)**
Roberto Bautista Agut (Spa)
v 16-Ben Shelton (US)
Daniel Altmaier (Ger) v
15-Karen Khachanov
24-Anhelina Kalinina (Ukr) v
Arantxa Rus (Ned)

COURT 3

Linda Noskova (Cze) v
31-Marie Bouzkova (Cze)
17-Ekaterina Alexandrova v
Laura Siegemund (Ger)
Aleksandar Vukic (Aus) v
Jordan Thompson (Aus)
Rinky Hijikata (Aus) v
24-Jan-Lennard Struff (Ger)

COURT 5

Patrick Kypson (US) v
Emil Ruusuvuori (Fin)
Fiona Ferro (Fra) v
McCartney Kessler (US)
Jaqueline Cristian (Rou) v
Katerina Siniakova (Cze)
Alexandre Muller (Fra) v
Hugo Grenier (Fra)

COURT 6

Kayla Day (US) v
Viktoriya Tomova (Bul)
James Duckworth (Aus) v
Luca Van Assche (Fra)
Yannick Hanfmann (Ger) v
Gael Monfils (Fra)
Taylor Townsend (US) v
Paula Badosa (Spa)

COURT 7

Yanina Wickmayer (Bel) v
Varvara Gracheva (Fra)
Kaja Juvan (Slo) v
23-Anastasia Potapova
Denis Shapovalov (Can) v
Jakub Mensik (Cze)
Zhizhen Zhang (Chn) v
Federico Coria (Arg)

COURT 8

Nadia Podoroska (Arg) v
Tamara Zidansek (Slo)
Constant Lestienne (Fra) v
23-Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (Spa)
Mayar Sherif (Egy) v
25-Elise Mertens (Bel)
21-Ugo Humbert (Fra) v
David Goffin (Bel)

COURT 12

Roberto Carballes Baena (Spa) v Hugo Gaston (Fra)
Tatjana Maria (Ger) v
Camila Osorio (Col)
Maximilian Marterer (Ger) v
Nuno Borges (Por)
Mirra Andreeva v
Bernarda Pera (US)

COURT 13

Flavio Cobolli (Ita) v
18-Nicolas Jarry (Chi)
Diana Shnaider v
26-Jasmine Paolini (Ita)
Christopher Eubanks (US) v
Taro Daniel (Jpn)
Viktorija Golubic (Swi) v
15-Veronika Kudermetova

COURT 14

25-Lorenzo Musetti (Ita) v
Benjamin Bonzi (Fra)
Marta Kostyuk (Ukr) v
Claire Liu (US)
Yulia Putintseva (Kaz) v
Anastasia Zakharova
Miomir Kecmanovic (Srb) v
Yosuke Watanuki (Jpn)

COURT 17

29-Sebastian Korda (US) v
Vit Kopriva (Cze)
Rebeka Masarova (Spa) v
Aliaksandra Sasnovich
Alejandro Tabilo (Chi) v
Aleksandar Kovacevic (US)
Anna Kalinskaya v
Katie Volynets (US)

**All courts 10am unless noted*

5 19-Elina Svitolina (Ukr) v Taylah Preston (Aus)

1573 Arena, 10am

Perth teenager Preston secured her AO wildcard with four ITF tournament wins in 2023, proving she is one of Australia's emerging talents. But her AO debut could not get much tougher. Ukrainian Svitolina is coming off a final at Auckland and is twice a former quarter-finalist here in Melbourne.

TAYLAH PRESTON

6 Aleksandar Vukic (Aus) v Jordan Thompson (Aus)

Court 3, 3rd match

World No.47 Thompson beat Vukic in straight sets just over a week ago in Brisbane, then claimed the scalp of Rafael Nadal on his way to the semi-finals. It's been four years since 29-year-old Thompson has won through the second round of the AO. Vukic, 27, is coming off a career-best year.

7 Rinky Hijikata (Aus) v 24-Jan Lennard Struff (Ger)

Court 3, 4th match

The German won their only previous encounter, qualifying in Phoenix last year, but 22-year-old Hijikata is on the rise and will fancy his chances against the 33-year-old world No.24. A fourth round at the US Open proved to Hijikata he belongs at this level. Struff has reached the second round of the AO just once in nine appearances, back in 2018.

8 James Duckworth (Aus) v Luca Van Assche (Fra)

Court 6, 2nd match

The mighty Duck faces an awkward first up clash here, with 19-year-old French talent making his second appearance at the AO after two Challenger tournaments wins in 2023. Duckworth had two Challenger victories himself last year and will be looking to reach the AO second round for the first time since 2021.

JAMES DUCKWORTH

No joking matter for Smith

Daniel Cherny

Steve Smith says Australian selectors thought he was joking when he canvassed the idea of replacing David Warner as Test opener.

Smith said on Sunday he had floated the idea as early as during last year's Ashes tour but it wasn't until the start of 2024 the idea of him moving alongside Usman Khawaja started to grow serious legs.

Asked if he thought the selectors had taken him seriously when he raised the prospect of an elevation to the top of the order, Smith said: "Not really.

"I've kind of been pushing it for a few weeks, even before Perth I think and it might have been floated in England, just randomly I said, 'I'll get up top and I'm happy to play up top'.

"In Perth, I kind of said, 'you know after Davey's done I'm actually keen to get up there'.

"I don't think they sort of took me seriously until I got to Sydney and I was like 'I'm actually being genuine here. I'd be keen to get up top and face the new ball.' And they were like, 'all right, well, we'll take that under advisement and see how it all looks'. You know, I think they are very keen to get Cameron (Green) in the side as well, I think and sort of play our best six batters.

"For me, it didn't sort of sit right having him come in and bat up top.

"I've played for a long time and I'm an experienced player and I think it's something I should have done."

Smith was talking in Adelaide, where the Test squad has convened before the start of the series against the West Indies.

He said he wasn't certain whether he would play out his Test career as an opener but he didn't want to contemplate the possibility of failure.

"I don't want to think negative thoughts at all," Smith said. "So you can have your opinion on that.

"(I'm an opener) for now, I suppose. Depends what happens. If someone gets injured in the middle and the next batter is a genuine opener, maybe they slot back in there and I go back down.

"I don't know the answer but for right now we have what we believe is our best six batters playing and I'm slotting in up top."

The former Australian captain said he was relishing the chance to face the new ball and he didn't enjoy having to wait to bat.

"I'm looking forward to it, the opportunity to get in and face the new ball," Smith said.

"It's something that isn't really foreign to me. There have been numerous occasions when I've come in early doors and batted at No.3 for quite a while there.

"Really, the only reason I went down to No.4 was because I was captain. I wanted to give myself some more time to just refresh mentally after thinking so much in the field before going out to bat and I don't have to do that any more.

"So it's perfect to get in early and face the music.

"I enjoy getting in and facing the new ball anyway."

While Smith said the captaincy had contributed to him dropping down the order, filling in for Pat Cummins on occasion would not require him to revert to No.4.

Smith said having all-rounder Green return to the side – a move allowed by Smith's shift up the order – was a major positive for the team with bat, ball and in the field.

"I mean, it's probably 40 runs a game saved at least there (at gully)," he said.

"So he's plus-40 before he even faces a ball, so it's pretty good. And the catches he takes there are incredible as well.

"So we're excited to have him back. It's like having four slips just standing next to each other in that region."

FIRST TEST

Australia West Indies

Adelaide Oval, starts Wednesday

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Odd Couple could script own Test hit

Robert Craddock

Steve Smith is so obsessed by batting he could talk about its many nuances all day and happily have them sprinkled on his cornflakes for breakfast.

Usman Khawaja loves batting too, but likes getting away from cricket off the field.

Smith has more quirky batting movements than a hip hop dancer, while Khawaja only moves when he has to and bats with the economical movement of a man saving every calorie for when it matters.

One style is complex. One is simple. One is left-handed. One is right. One was born in Sydney. The other in Islamabad.

They were raised on different sides of Sydney and made their first-class debuts for NSW three weeks apart, in 2008.

They both love aspects of the US – Smith owns an apartment in New York, while Khawaja can often be seen watching American basketball games on his phone.

Smith and Khawaja have some things in common, but many contrasts, as they prepare to become the Odd Couple opening combination no one expected through the majority of their international careers.

If you had suggested a few years ago, when Khawaja was batting at No.4 for Queensland and never expecting to play another Test, that he and Smith would be Australian's 2024 five-day openers, any bookmaker would surely have offered 33-1 and been happy to take your money.

Who knows what will become of their post-David Warner union? But this much is certain – they click.

Over the past 11 years, Smith and Khawaja have been Australia's most bountiful batting partnership, with 10 century stands and 2470 runs at an average of 58.

Each of these three statistics are chart-toppers for Australia.

Admittedly, that was when Smith was batting down the order in Tests, so this is a fresh challenge.

The one thing certain with opening partnerships is that nothing is certain when it comes to chemistry.

Justin Langer and Matthew Hayden were like brothers, on and off the field, and could often be spotted sharing dinner for two in Test week.

Geoff Marsh and David Boon would routinely share a frosty ale and Marsh became godfather to one of Boon's children.

But one of Australia's greatest opening unions – Bill Lawry and Bob Simpson – spent more time together in the middle than they did off the field.

"We were just completely different," Simpson said.

"Bill loved his pigeon racing where I would play golf, which didn't interest him at all. Somehow we clicked."

England's Mike Atherton and Alec Stewart were also very much a "business only" outfit. Atherton once said he never visited Stewart's place for dinner when the Test scene passed through his home region of Surrey, not for any particular reason other than they rarely had dinner together.

With a combined age of 71, Khawaja, 37, and Smith, 34, they are one of Australia's oldest opening combinations of recent times, but nowhere near the all-time record held by English greats Jack Hobbs (47) and Frank Woolley (43), when they had a combined age of 90 opening against Australia in 1930.

When it comes to opening the batting, there are no rules.

Steve Smith falls to an lbw decision, breaking his partnership with Usman Khawaja during the first Test against Pakistan in Perth and (inset) Smith at training in Adelaide on Sunday. Pictures: Getty Images

WEATHER FORECAST FOR ADELAIDE TEST

WEDNESDAY: 27C Sunny

THURSDAY: 26C Partly cloudy

FRIDAY: 29C Partly cloudy

SATURDAY: 34C Sunny

SUNDAY: 31C Sunny

Johnson suspects a Banc robbery

Robert Craddock

Mitchell Johnson has questioned Steve Smith's promotion to opener and says selectors deserved to be asked whether Cameron Bancroft was the victim of a vendetta.

The snubbing of Bancroft has triggered a "Sandgropergate" scandal in Perth.

Locals are furious that their opener has missed a berth in the Test side to face the West Indies in Adelaide.

Cameron Bancroft

In his column for Perth's Sunday Times, Johnson said Smith had "long been the glue" of Australia's top order at No.4 and he could not understand the logic for changing things.

"You can't help but wonder why (selection chairman) George Bailey and the selection panel have gone this way," Johnson wrote. "Do they feel Smith hasn't been at his best and they think this could be a good change for him?

"There are reports that Smithy doesn't like sitting around waiting to bat but he has done that most of his career at fourth in the order – and he's been pretty good at it."

Bailey has denied that the panel had any lingering bad vibes towards Bancroft following his fallout with the bowlers for comments he made about the Sandpapergate scandal.

"Bailey says there is no issue or vendetta but you can't blame Bancroft – or the public – for questioning this, if he is claiming the selection panel didn't consider the specialist opener among the nation's seven-best batters," Johnson wrote. "It's obviously a confusing message for the West Australian."

Strikers snare finals berth

Martin Gabor

The Adelaide Strikers have clinched the last remaining finals spot with a thumping nine-wicket win over Sydney Thunder, which is likely to finish up with the wooden spoon after another dreadful display in Canberra on Sunday night.

Melbourne Stars players would have been watching the game hoping that their fellow men in green could pull off a miracle. But it wasn't to be as the Strikers chased down the paltry total of 140 with 23 balls to spare.

The result means they will finish fourth on 11 points - the Strikers three clear of the Stars, who could have snuck into the finals if Adelaide had lost and they'd beaten Hobart in their final game.

The Strikers won't get to play at home during the finals, but they have the artillery to upset the top teams - especially if skipper Matt Short continues to pile on the runs.

The star opener is the runaway leading run-scorer this season – more than 200 clear of the next best.

He was given a life on the first ball of the chase when David Warner put down what would have been a screamer.

Short doesn't need second chances - and he made the Thunder pay with an unbeaten 74 off 49 that included a couple of sixes that went out of the ground.

Teammate Jake Weatherald (47 not out off 31) gave some catching practice to the fans at a sold-out Manuka Oval with four big sixes of his own.

He narrowly missed out on claiming the 11th hat-trick in BBL history, but Lloyd Pope won't care after the spinner returned to form with a blistering burst to claim career-best figures of 4-22.

Having claimed three wickets in his first three games of the season, Pope matched that in the space of four deliveries as he knocked over Chris Green, Nathan McAndrew and Liam Hatcher in the penultimate over.

Jamie Overton continued his brilliant season with 3-26 as the Thunder was bowled out in the 20th over when Tanveer Sangha was run out without facing a ball.

It's right time to walk away, declares Marsh

Melbourne Renegades batter Shaun Marsh, with his family in Perth, has announced his retirement from professional cricket.

Daniel Cherny

Shaun Marsh feels a sense of relief and sadness as he retires from professional cricket after almost a quarter of a century.

The West Australian great announced on Sunday the Big Bash League match between his Melbourne Renegades and Sydney Thunder on Wednesday night would be the last of a career that started 23 summers ago. Marsh, 40, played the last of his 38 Tests and 73 one-day internationals in 2019.

He kept playing domestically for WA before retiring at the end of last season.

Marsh continued into this BBL season with the Renegades after he moved from the Perth Scorchers in 2019.

Having overcome calf issues, his form has not diminished.

The left-hander has posted three half-centuries from five innings this season, including an unbeaten 64 to lead the Renegades to victory against Melbourne Stars on Saturday night at Marvel Stadium. But the Renegades' underwhelming season has contributed to Marsh's decision, which he made last week, to pull up stumps on his decorated career.

"I probably knew at the start of the season it was more than likely going to be my last year but there was no decision made up until probably after our second-last game ago," Marsh said on Sunday. "We had a nine-day break and went home with the family and just felt right then that this was going to be it.

"It's probably a sense of relief but also some sadness knowing it's all over – sort of leave knowing you gave everything and it's the right time to walk away. I think just mentally it was more knowing I was probably done … my body, even though I feel like I'm batting really well. Just moving around in the field has been a lot harder this year. And I just thought it was the right time now with where we're at.

"I think everyone at the Renegades had high hopes this year of being a lot further up the ladder and not making the finals gives the guys a good chance to reset and get some younger players in and build around those players."

BIG BASH SCHEDULE

TONIGHT
Stars v Hurricanes
MCG, 6.15pm

TOMORROW
Scorchers v Sixers
Perth Stadium, 6.40pm

WEDNESDAY
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Sydney Showgrounds, 6.15pm

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Sixers	5	2	2	12	0.36
Strikers	5	4	1	11	0.33
Stars	4	5	0	8	-1.14
Hurricanes	3	6	0	6	-0.34
Renegades	2	6	1	5	-0.29
Thunder	1	7	1	3	-0.65

The span of Marsh's career is extraordinary. He made his Sheffield Shield debut for WA in early 2001 playing alongside Tom Moody, who was born in 1965. This season he was on the Renegades' list with young gun Harry Dixon, who was born in 2005.

Marsh, the son of former Australian opener and coach Geoff and older brother of Aussie star Mitch, said team success with the Scorchers and a breakthrough Shield win with WA two summers ago were among the highlights of his career.

Though his Australian career was a mixed bag, he was proud to have reached the highest level and said he could now fully appreciate how special it had been to play international cricket with his brother.

Asked how he would like to be remembered as a player, Marsh, a popular if quiet teammate through his career, said he valued authenticity.

"I think just being a good person," he said. "I've always just tried to be myself. I've always tried not to be someone I'm not. And that's something I'm really proud of. And someone that worked hard and gave his best to the team in every game I played."

Windies coach's desperate plea to save Test cricket

Daniel Cherny

West Indies coach Andre Coley has called on cricket's leadership to put up or shut up when it comes to saving the Test format globally, while floating the idea of four-day Tests in a bid to make it more appetising to players.

The Windies have been widely written off for the Frank Worrell Trophy series, which starts in Adelaide on Wednesday.

Having not beaten in Australia in a Test series in more than three decades, and not even won a Test against the Aussies in more than 20 years, the Windies have picked a squad that contains seven uncapped players.

Former captain Jason Holder and all-rounder Kyle Mayers have opted out of the series to prioritise franchise commitments elsewhere. Such is life for the former Test powerhouse. The region can still produce world-class cricketers but can't pay them enough to always choose Test cricket.

It is not a new phenomenon for the Windies but they may merely have been the canary in the coalmine for the format given South Africa has named a massively depleted squad to tour New Zealand this month after its board told its stars to put the India-backed SA20 competition first.

Australian cricket leaders have discussed the idea of setting up a global funding pool to ensure Test cricket remains viable for more than just a handful of nations.

Coley said talk was one thing but actions were another.

"If we have enough powerbrokers around world cricket who are keen on ensuring that Test cricket continues to be played and becomes a viable option for players, young players, then those people have to voice those opinions and in the lobbies and rooms that can make those decisions, and decisions are made accordingly," Coley said.

Her pondered whether shortening Tests from five to four days could help make the format more commercially viable.

There are a handful of four-day Tests played outside the men's World Test Championship and in women's cricket.

"You may have to consider potentially Test matches making them four days because you look at the pace of Test matches, the majority of matches are finished in four days," he said.

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Alex de Minaur is ready for what Milos Raonic serves up – even if it is close to 250km/h. Picture: Michael Klein

FIRST HURDLE

AUSSIE'S OPEN DREAM RESTS ON FINDING WAY TO STOP RAONIC'S ROCKETS

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